

Dow soars 429 points on Fed statement

The New York Stock Exchange is shown, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011 in New York. Stocks tanked again Tuesday as many global markets entered official bear market territory after one of the worst days on Wall Street since the collapse of Lehman Brothers in 2008.

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Possible drowning of an American woman



SAN NICOLAS - On August 2, 2011 at about 6.23 PM (local time) 911 received notification of a possible drowning of a woman. The traveling companion of this woman, a man G.V.G. stated that they were going snorkeling behind Nanki Country Club and that at a given moment he had signaled his friend to swim back to the beach.

He stated further that the woman had not reached the beach together with him and apparently had remained in the water. The American woman in question is R.G., age 35, the man is indicated as G.V.G., age 50, also an American. In spite of intense searches during a number of days by amongst others the surveillance department and the detective department of the Aruban Police, the Aruban Maritime Police, the Coast Guard, Search and Rescue Divers and volunteer divers of Jads and the use of two helicopters, an airplane and several boats, until now the woman has not been found in sea or on the shore. The statements made by the traveling companion led to such questions that on Friday, August 5, 2011 it was decided to detain him for further questioning on the possible drowning of the woman. □

'BURNINGHAM'

Violence erupts outside London but capital quiet



A Police dog and its handler walk past a burning car during the second night of civil disturbances in central Birmingham, England, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011. Britain began flooding London's streets with 16,000 police officers Tuesday, nearly tripling their presence as the nation feared its worst rioting in a generation would stretch into a fourth night. The violence has turned buildings into burnt out carcasses, triggered massive looting and spread to other U.K. cities.

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Balloons, memorial plans mark Caylee Anthony's birthday

ORLANDO, Fla. - A balloon and butterfly release and the unveiling of a proposed memorial on Tuesday will mark what would have been the 6th birthday of Caylee Marie Anthony, the Florida toddler whose 2008 disappearance and death triggered a national outpouring of grief.

Bring Kids Home, a charity for missing and abused children, wants to erect a memorial for Caylee in the swampy, wooded area just outside Orlando where her remains were found.

Caylee's mother, Casey Anthony, was acquitted in July of killing her 2-year-old daughter after a nationally televised trial. Casey Anthony, 25, disappeared from public view after her release from jail and reportedly is living out of state.

Eddie DelValle, Florida director of Bring Kids Home, said the memorial plans include a raised path that



An unidentified young girl places a toy bear at the wooded location of where the body of Caylee Anthony was found in 2008, in Orlando.

will take visitors into the woods and around a light-projected halo marking the spot where Caylee's skeleton was recovered.

DelValle said hundreds of tourists from around the

world still make pilgrimages to the site.

DelValle, a Christian counselor, said he sets up a tent there for two hours every Sunday and counsels an average of 50 grieving

people each time.

"Mostly tourist families come here. I've met people from Germany, Canada and Orlando. Some you see, they break down at the site," DelValle told Reuters.

As part of the memorial, individuals would be able to buy and inscribe messages on bricks for \$80 for a road-side wall marker.

Corporate bricks will start at \$150.

The organization said the brick sales will help pay for the expected \$200,000 cost of the project and allow people to participate in a project remembering Caylee and other missing children, whose names will be inscribed on the wall.

DelValle said the national Bring Kids Home organization is negotiating the purchase of the land.

The memorial also will require zoning clearance and permits.

Caylee lived with her mother at her grandparents' house around the corner from the site. DelValle said Caylee's grandparents, Cindy and George Anthony, were not contacted about the memorial. □

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Military launches probe into helicopter crash

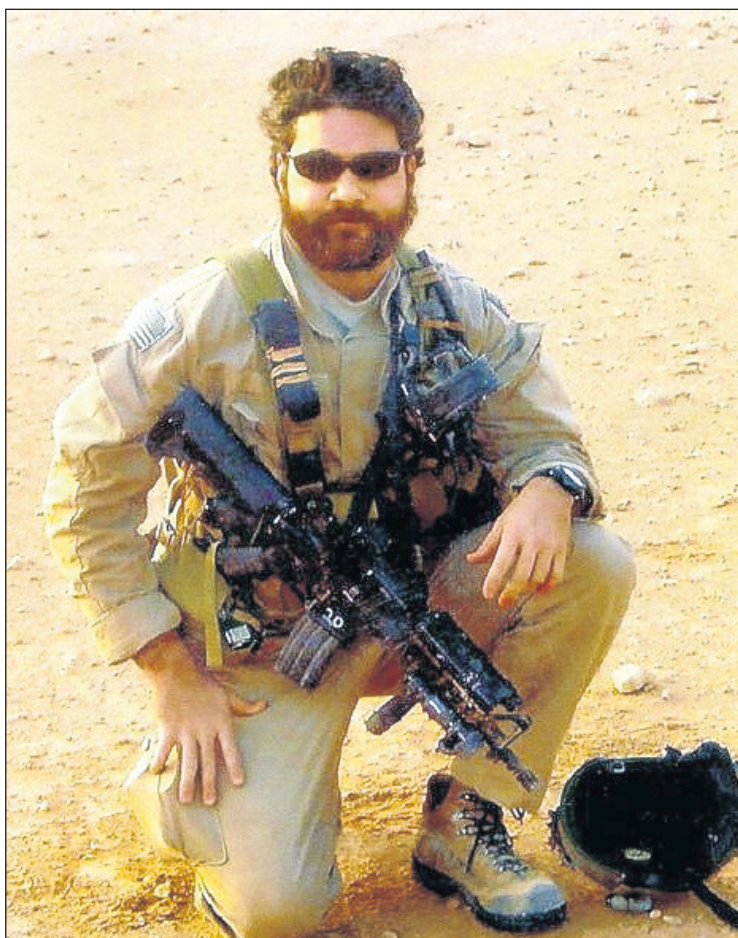
WASHINGTON (AP) — The military has opened an investigation into the devastating helicopter crash in eastern Afghanistan that killed 30 U.S. troops and eight Afghans.

Pentagon officials would not discuss the details of the probe, but it will no doubt address a host of questions surrounding the crash, including a look at the insurgent threat and the instructions given to the special operations team crowded into the Chinook helicopter as it raced to assist other U.S. forces.

According to officials, the team, which included 22 Navy SEAL personnel, three Air Force troops, a five-member Army air crew and a military dog, was flying in to help U.S. Army Rangers who were going after insurgents on the ground. Seven Afghan commandos and an Afghan interpreter were also on board.

The helicopter apparently was shot down by an insurgent armed with a rocket-propelled grenade.

It was the single deadliest



In this 2007 photo provided by Robert Vickers, Kraig Vickers, of Maui, Hawaii, is shown in Afghanistan. Vickers, who would have turned 37 on Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011, is one the 30 American service members killed when a military helicopter was shot down Aug. 6, 2011, in Afghanistan.

(AP Photo/Courtesy of Robert Vickers)

loss in the decade-long war.

Gen. James Mattis, head

of U.S. Central Command, has appointed Army Brig.

Gen. Jeffrey Colt to lead

the investigation. Colt is deputy commander of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell in Kentucky. The investigation comes as the remains of the troops killed in the deadliest incident of the Afghan war came home Tuesday — shrouded in secrecy by a Defense Department that has refused so far to release the names of the fallen and denied media coverage of the arrival at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. Two C-17 aircraft carrying the remains of the 30 U.S. troops killed the crash arrived late Tuesday morning and were met by President Barack Obama, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen and a number of other military leaders.

The helicopter crashed as it attempted to land in the Tangi Valley, a dangerous region in Wardak province, where coalition forces were engaged in a firefight with insurgents. The mission was targeting a Taliban leader believed to be in the mountainous and militant-riddled Sayd Abad district of Wardak.

The investigation will review a number of basic crash questions, more likely to rule out things like the weather, terrain and mechanical issues, since military officials believe the helicopter was shot down.

It will then also look at the altitude and flight path of the Chinook as it moved into the fighting zone. Chinooks are heavy cargo helicopters that do not have

the agility of smaller, more maneuverable aircraft.

There also will be questions about why that team was called in, what they knew about the situation on the ground and what protections they may have had against fire from the ground.

At the Pentagon, officials wrangled over whether to release the identities of any or all 30 Americans who died in the crash, even though many of the families have publically named their loved ones and spoken openly about their deaths. It has consistently been department policy to release the names of troops who are killed.

Several officials said privately there is hesitancy to release the names because the majority were from secretive special operations forces, including 22 U.S. Navy SEAL personnel. Some have said there is a worry that terrorists will target the families, because many of the SEALs were from the same team that killed Osama bin Laden in May.

None of those killed participated in the bin Laden raid, senior defense officials said.

Panetta is expected to make the final call on the release of the names, but Pentagon officials could not say Tuesday when that decision is expected.

The somber arrival of the remains at Dover, while witnessed by many senior officials and family members, was not covered by the media. □

Report shows:

Suicides in movies tripled from 1950-2006

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A movie analysis shows depictions of explicit and graphic suicides tripled from 1950 to 2006.

An analysis by Pennsylvania's Annenberg Public Policy Center of 855 top box office films also says there's no difference between PG-13- and R-rated films in the

most explicit portrayals of suicide. The study was released Tuesday. It's published in the August issue of Archives of Suicide Research. Researchers looked at suicidal behavior explicitness in the top 30 U.S. movies for each year. Lead author Patrick Jamieson says the researchers can't es-

tablish a definite link but the tripling of U.S. teen suicides since 1960 has coincided with the increase in movie suicide portrayals.

He also says exposure to movie suicides has been found to correlate with thinking there's no effective treatment for mental health problems. □

Polygamist leader gets life in prison for assault

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Polygamist leader Warren Jeffs recorded everything he said. Thousands of pages, written with Biblical flourish, about God wanting him to take 12-year-old wives. About those girls needing to sexually please him. About men he banished for not building his temple fast enough. Facing his last chance to keep his freedom, Jeffs didn't say a word. He was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday for sexually assaulting one of his child brides — among 24 underage wives prosecutors said Jeffs collected — and received the maximum 20-year punishment on a separate child sex conviction. Jeffs, 55, will not be eligible

for parole until he is at least 100 years old. The head of the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints made no plea for leniency. He ordered his attorneys not to call witnesses during the sentencing phase, and forbade them from making a closing argument Tuesday. Less than half an hour later, jurors returned with the harshest punishment possible. "He's a pervert, and the crazy thing is, he perverted his own religion," his sister, Elaine Jeffs, said after the sentencing. Nearby, police escorted her brother into a waiting patrol car. Elaine Jeffs, who left the FLDS in 1984, watched the end to an often bizarre and

graphic two-week trial. Other onlookers included one of Jeffs' top lieutenants and state caseworkers who rounded up nearly 400 children during a 2008 raid at the sect's Texas ranch. There were a handful of spectators as well, including a retired couple who also sat in on the Casey Anthony trial in Florida. Despite the convictions and life sentence, Jeffs remains in control of the FLDS and its roughly 10,000 followers. His most devoted consider him God's spokesman on earth and a prophet, but his followers were absent in court for the bulk of the trial.

Jeffs sometimes was, too. He boycotted the sentencing phase, remaining in a courthouse holding cell, and refused to answer state District Judge Barbara Walther when directly questioned Tuesday. Jeffs had represented himself during the conviction phase, and often interrupted court proceedings by contending that he was being persecuted for his religious beliefs. The FLDS is a radical offshoot of mainstream Mormonism and believes polygamy brings exaltation in heaven. In closing arguments, prosecutors rejected the idea that the sect



FILE - In this July 28, 2011 photo, polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs arrives at the Tom Green County Courthouse in San Angelo, Texas. The same jury that convicted Jeffs on child sex charges is set to begin deliberations Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011 in the trial's sentencing phase. Jeffs faces life in prison.

(AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez, File)

had been targeted. "The evidence in this case shows that this isn't a prosecution of a people," prosecutor Eric Nichols said. "This is a prosecution to protect people." Jurors ignored reporters after the sentencing, quickly walking to their cars that were parked single-file in a blocked-off street and driving away. Also on Tuesday, Canadian police said they were preparing to send investigators to the U.S. to investigate allegations that child brides from a Canadian polygamous commune were sent across the border to marry older men.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police launched a criminal investigation into a polygamous community in western Canada after allegations surfaced earlier this year amid a constitutional case examining Canada's anti-polygamy law. British Columbia Supreme Court heard that more than two dozen girls as young as 12 were sent to the U.S. to marry older men, including Jeffs. Cpl. Dan Moskaluk said Tuesday that investigators will head to the U.S, particularly Texas, to locate Canadian girls who were sent to be brides. □

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Portraits of Navy SEALs killed in helicopter crash

The Navy SEALs who died aboard a downed helicopter in Afghanistan came to the Special Forces from far-flung corners of the country, some motivated by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. They were intensely patriotic and talented young men with a love of physical challenges and a passion for the high-risk job they chose. Thirty Americans — 22 of them SEALs — and eight Afghans were killed Saturday when a rocket-propelled grenade fired by a Taliban insurgent downed their Chinook helicopter en route to a combat mission. All but two of the SEALs were from SEAL Team 6, the unit that killed Osama bin Laden, although military officials said none of the crash victims was on that mission in Pakistan against the al-Qaida leader. The Pentagon has not yet identified the victims of the crash, but family members and friends have spoken to The Associated Press and other media outlets about them.

Here are the stories of some of the fallen:

Matthew Mason

A severe arm injury during fighting in Fallujah in 2004 didn't keep Matthew Mason off the Iraq War battlefield. Nor did it dull the competitive fire of the avid runner and former high school athlete from outside Kansas City.

Within five months of losing part of his left arm, absorbing shrapnel and suffering a collapsed lung, Mason competed in a triathlon. He soon returned to his SEAL unit.

"He could have gotten out of combat," said family friend Elizabeth Frogge. "He just insisted on going back."

Mason, the father of two toddler sons, grew up in Holt, Mo., and played football and baseball at Kearney High School. He graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in 1998. His wife, who is expecting their third child — another boy — also attended Northwest Missouri.

Mason returned to Missouri

in May to compete in a Kansas City triathlon, and took his family to Walt Disney World for the first time this summer, Frogge said.

"He loved doing what he did," she said. "He was the



This undated family photo shows Sgt. Patrick Hamburger, 30, of Grand Island, Neb. Hamburger was among 30 Americans killed when a U.S. military helicopter was shot down Friday, Aug. 5, 2011. Military officials have not released the names of those killed, but Hamburger's family confirmed his death.

(AP Photo/Family Photo)

type of guy who thought he was invincible."

Jason Workman

Jason Workman had his sights set on becoming a



This undated family photo shows Lt. Cmdr. Jonas Kelsall, a Shreveport, La., native who was among the Navy SEALs killed when a U.S. Chinook helicopter crashed in Afghanistan on Friday, Aug. 5, 2011.

(AP Photo/Family Photo)

SEAL as a young teenager. He was about 14 when his older brother graduated from West Point. That's when he knew he wanted

to be an elite soldier, friend Tate Bennett told The Deseret News. Then came the Sept. 11 terror attacks, and Workman's calling grew even stronger. "He didn't become a Navy SEAL by chance," Bennett said. "He knew that's what he wanted at a young age and made it happen."

After returning from his Mormon mission, Bennett said, Workman went to Southern Utah University and later joined the Navy. Across his small hometown of Blanding in southern Utah, flags were flown at half-staff as residents mourned the loss of one of their own.

Even as a SEAL, Workman came home periodically. During his last trip, he led training sessions with local law enforcement, sharing his military skills, and planned to provide more training during a trip home this fall, Mayor Toni Turk told the Salt Lake City Tribune.

Jon Tumilson

Jon Tumilson got an early start on his preparation to join the SEALs. He had been a wrestler in high school and competed in marathons and triathlons.

Neighbors remembered the Rockford, Iowa, man as a warrior committed to the SEALs, no matter the pain he endured in training or the risks he ran on each mission. "When he did something, he put his all into it," Jan Stowe, a neighbor of the Tumilsons for more than 30 years, told the Des Moines Register. Tumilson, who was 35 when he died, "was going to be a Navy SEAL since I can't remember when," Stowe said. "He's like a hero to everyone here."

Another neighbor, Mark Biggs, said people were shocked by his death.

"You just never thought it would happen to Jon," Biggs told the Mason City Globe Gazette. "He's done so many dangerous things." Friend Justin Schriever remembered Tumilson as "a die-hard at everything. He'd always go the extra mile on everything. He wouldn't let anything stop him from accomplishing

something."

Brian Bill

Brian Bill had plans for when he finished his military service. He wanted to return to graduate school and hoped one day to become an astronaut.

For those who knew him, such lofty goals were not out of reach.

"He set his standards high. He was that kind of person," Kimberly Hess, a friend who graduated with him in 2001 from Vermont's Norwich University, told The Advocate newspaper. "He was remarkably gifted and very thoughtful. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for you no matter the time or day." Diane Warzoha, who had Bill as a student at Trinity Catholic High School in

Stamford, said it was no surprise that he fulfilled his goal of joining the SEALs.

"Brian just wanted to do his best, to protect other people ... Challenge did not deter him, ever."

Spc. Spencer Duncan, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Bryan Nichols, Specialist Alexander Bennett
Three of the crew members aboard the downed Chinook were from the same Army reserve unit — Bravo Company, 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment — based at New Century Air Center in Gardner, Kan. Spc. Spencer Duncan, 21, of Olathe, Kan., had written to friends about how much he loved working as a door gunner on a Chinook helicopter. □

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Focus:

HOPE co-founder Eleanor Josaitis dies at 79



FILE - In a Nov. 25, 2003 file photo Detroit Lions defensive lineman Robert Porcher, left, is introduced by Eleanor Josaitis during his sixth annual turkey distribution to needy families in Detroit. Josaitis, a community leader who co-founded the social services organization Focus: HOPE died Tuesday Aug. 9, 2011.

DETROIT (AP) — Eleanor Josaitis, who co-founded the social services organization, Focus: HOPE in the wake of Detroit's 1967 riots and worked to fight racism, poverty and injustice, died Tuesday. She was 79.

Josaitis died at Angela Hospice in Livonia with family members by her side, her son Mark Josaitis said. She was diagnosed with peritoneal cancer last year and had undergone chemotherapy, and had also broken her hip during a fall.

"Eleanor was a stalwart of community activism," Detroit Mayor Dave Bing said in a statement. "She has touched the lives of countless Detroiters and built a legacy of hope and help that will last for generations." Josaitis and the Rev. William Cunningham founded Focus: HOPE in 1968 after the riots that widened the rift between Detroit's black and white residents. The civil and human rights organization offers job training, as well as food programs for the poor and elderly. Cunningham died in 1997. "She really believed in human dignity and helping people develop skills to be proud of," Mark Josaitis told The Associated Press. Josaitis became a civil rights activist after watch-

ing a televised report on violence against civil rights marchers in Alabama in 1963, according to Focus: HOPE. She served as CEO of the group for nine years after Cunningham's death, and later remained active in its work. "There's no greater way to eliminate racism and poverty than to see that people have education, skills, jobs and opportunities in life," she said. As the operations manager of Focus: HOPE in the 1970s, she wasn't deterred when the group's offices were firebombed and helped the organization recover after a tornado caused \$18 million in damages to the group's campus. "For 40 years, her courage and commitment to intelligent and practical leadership has informed and inspired us," Focus: HOPE's chief executive William F. Jones Jr. said in a statement. "Her loss is immeasurable, but we are firmly committed and well positioned to make her work continue." Following her death, tributes poured in from lawmakers, including U.S. Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow of Michigan, as well as state and local officials who remembered her as a champion of Detroit. U.S. Rep. John Dingell of Michi-

(AP Photo/Jerry S. Mendoza)

gan described her as remarkable.

"Josaitis was an inspiration to us all and her ever present passion will be missed on the Detroit landscape," Dingell said in a statement. "Eleanor was about changing the world one person at a time." Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder said she was a "tireless and devoted leader" who served the entire state. "Her compassion and resolve live on through the work of Focus: HOPE and the countless men, women and children whose lives were forever changed for the better because of her," Snyder said in statement.

A funeral mass will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Detroit.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the Church of the Madonna in Detroit. A scripture service is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday at the church.

Survivors include Josaitis' husband of 55 years, Donald; children Mark, Michael, Thomas, Janet; Denk and Mary Lendzion; seven grandchildren; sisters Margaret Krueger and Janet Lang; and brother Louis Reed. Memorial contributions may be made to the "Eleanor Josaitis Fund for Focus: HOPE." □

Giffords' spokesman takes job at community college

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' chief spokesman has accepted a job as an administrator at a community college in southern Arizona.

C.J. Karamargin is expected to start Aug. 29 as the vice chancellor for public information and government relations at Pima Community College. Karamargin worked as Giffords' communications director for four years. He served as the official pipeline for information about the congresswoman after she and 18 others were shot outside a Tucson grocery store on Jan. 8. Jared Lee Loughner, who is charged in the shooting rampage, attended the college but was suspended over safety concerns stemming from his classroom disruptions. The school's board of governors must approve Karamargin's hiring when it meets Wednesday night.

The job pays \$148,000 annually. □

In California

2 men sue amusement park over slur on photo

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Two men are suing a Northern California amusement park after they say employees posted a photograph of them riding a roller coaster with a caption labeling them with a homophobic slur.

Craig Person and Edmund Yang were photographed holding hands on the Psycho Mouse ride at California's Great America park in August 2008, according to the complaint filed Monday in Santa Clara County Superior Court. The pair viewed the digital photo after the ride but declined to purchase it. Later in the day, their friend saw the same photo printed out and displayed on a counter at another ride after someone had added a bubble caption above their heads that contained the slur, the complaint said. The friend confiscated the photo and turned it over to Person and Yang. Wendy Musell, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said the men immediately went to Great America human resources managers, who were initially responsive to their concerns but eventually stopped communication with them, prompting the lawsuit. The 10-count complaint, which names Great America and its parent company Cedar Fair Entertainment Co., alleges sexual harassment, discrimination, invasion of privacy and infliction of emotional distress by park employees. It also accuses the park of negligence in its hiring and supervision of workers.

Musell said the plaintiffs were humiliated by the photo display. "Mr. Yang was in the process of coming out, and it was very difficult for him to deal with this type of ridicule based on his sexual orientation," she said Tuesday. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages and policy changes at the park.

"Even if there was an anti-discrimination policy, the employees weren't adequately trained regarding the policy, nor was there adequate oversight, for this type of event to occur," Musell said.

Great America spokesman Jim Stellmack said Tuesday that he had not yet seen the complaint, but maintained that park managers "took appropriate actions" in dealing with the situation.

"The park doesn't condone the action, and managers dealt appropriately with the employees involved," Stellmack said. He declined to elaborate on what those actions were, citing privacy in personnel matters. □



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London tries tripling police presence to end riots

By DAVID STRINGER and RA-PHAEL G. SATTER
 Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Thousands more police officers flooded London streets Tuesday in a bid to end Britain's worst rioting in a generation as nervous shopkeepers closed early and some residents stood guard to protect their neighborhoods. The unrest spread across central and northern England on a fourth night of violence driven by poor, diverse and brazen crowds of young people.

Scenes of ransacked stores, torched cars and blackened buildings frightened and outraged Britons just a year before London is to host the summer Olympic Games, and brought demands for a tougher response from law enforcement.

London's Metropolitan Police department put thousands more officers in the streets and said that by Wednesday there would be 16,000 — almost triple the number present Monday. Dozens of police were seen combing through the Canning Town area of east London as officers hunted for potential new flash points, but the department acknowledged it could not guarantee an end to the violence.

Though London saw no new unrest late Tuesday, but the chaos spread to other cities. A police station in the central England city of Nottingham was firebombed by a 40-strong mob, and hundreds of youths battled police in the northwestern city of Manchester.

Stores, offices and nursery schools across London closed early amid fears of fresh rioting. Many usually busy streets had an eerie calm as cafes, restaurants



A car is seen on fire in Hackney, east London, as rioters were rampaging across London, Monday, Aug. 8, 2011. Violence and looting spread across some of London's most impoverished neighborhoods on Monday, with youths setting fire to shops and vehicles, during a third day of rioting in the city that will host next summer's Olympic Games.

(AP Photo/PA, Lewis Whyld)



London residents wait to be allowed through a police cordon to help council workers with the clear up after the rioting that took place the previous night outside Clapham Junction railway station in Battersea, London, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011. Britons swept up, patched up and feared further violence Tuesday, demanding police do more to protect them after three nights of rioting left trails of looted stores, wrecked cars and burned buildings across London and several other cities.

(AP Photo/Matt Dunham)

and pubs also decided to shut down for the night.

Many shops had their metal blinds pulled down, while other business owners rushed to secure plywood over their windows before nightfall.

Some London residents prepared to defend their homes and stores. Outside a Sikh temple in Southall, west London, residents stood guard and vowed to defend their place of worship if mobs of young rioters appeared. Another group marched through Enfield, in north London, aiming to deter looters.

In east London's Bethnal Green district, convenience store owner Adnan Butt, 28, said residents were tense.

"People are all at home — they're scared" of the rioters, he said.

London's deputy assistant police commissioner Steve Kavanagh vowed that large numbers of officers would remain on London's streets until calm was restored.

"We will continue with this additional policing for as long as is necessary. Our priority remains protecting the public and restoring order to our streets," he said. In Nottingham, police said rioters had hurled fire-bombs though the window of a police station in the Canning Circus area of the city, but that there were no reports of injuries. □

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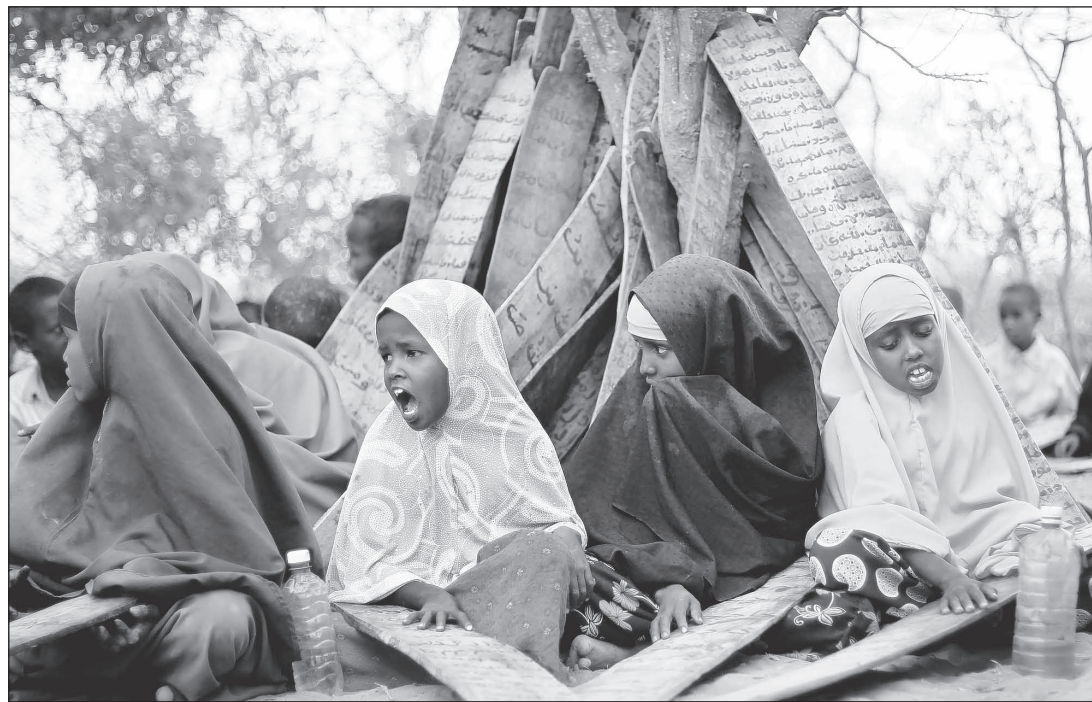
Kenya burdened by famine refugees; rape attacks up

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Associated Press
DADAAB, Kenya (AP) —

Marauding gangs and criminals are attacking Somali famine refugees more frequently as they flee across the border to Kenyan camps, but Kenyan police say they don't have enough manpower to stop them. The lack of manpower underscores a larger problem for Kenya: Officials here say they are being overwhelmed by the influx of tens of thousands of Somali refugees, and can't stem the attacks. One 30-year-old woman who watched two of her five children die as they trekked through Somalia was raped after reaching what she hoped would be the safety of Kenyan soil.

"I constantly ask myself, 'Would this have happened to you, or would you have lost your children if you had been in your country?'" said the woman. "My mind always says: 'You ran away from a problem and ran into another.'"

Kenya now hosts nearly 500,000 Somali refugees, and while U.S. and U.N. officials are quick to praise Kenya for their response to the famine crisis, Kenyan officials are just as quick to tell the U.S., U.N. and world leaders that they can't take many more. President Mwai Kibaki told the U.S. vice president's wife, Jill Biden, during her visit to Kenya on Monday that the Somali refugee population



Somali girls recite verses of the Koran at an outdoor madrasa at the Ifo camp outside Dadaab, Eastern Kenya, 100 kms (60 miles) from the Somali border, Tuesday Aug. 9, 2011. U.S. President Barack Obama has approved \$105 million for humanitarian efforts in the Horn of Africa to combat worsening drought and famine. The drought and famine in the horn of Africa has killed more than 29,000 children under the age of 5 in the last 90 days in southern Somalia alone, according to U.S. estimates. The U.N. says 640,000 Somali children are acutely malnourished, suggesting the death toll of small children will rise.

was placing Kenya under extreme pressure and burdening its resources. Echoing local Kenyan officials who live close to the border, Kibaki advocated that refugee camps be set up inside Somalia near the Kenyan border, so Kenya does not have to accept the thousands more Somalis who arrive each week. The Dadaab refugee camp — the largest in the world — was built for 90,000 people. The current population is over 400,000 with thousands of new arrivals crammed into

areas outside the refugee camp, waiting to be formally admitted. The police commander at Dadaab, Nelson Shilunji Taliti, said it is hard for authorities to adequately patrol the long and porous border with Somalia, leading to a rise in rape and other types of attacks. He said police cannot specifically say who is behind the attacks but criminals — both Somalis and Kenyans — operate along the border. "Most of the victims are the ones who evade border points and pass through

areas they believe are unmanned," Taliti said, advising refugees to use official points. A pregnant mother of three who spoke to AP in Dadaab said she was gang-raped by five men after a group of families traveling together was ambushed. The Associated Press does not identify rape victims. "The gunmen issued strange orders. They asked each women to be raped by her brother. 'Do it immediately,' they ordered," said the woman,

whom the AP is not identifying. "Some men are more audacious than others. When they were ordered to rape their sisters, they raped them to save their lives. ... Death is better than doing that."

The attackers ordered her brother-in-law to rape her but he refused, saying: "You are men and I'm a man, and life and death is in the hands of God. Either kill me or spare me." They killed her brother-in-law and left his body unburied. "When they killed my brother-in-law, I wished they had killed both of us," she said. "A lot of thoughts went through my mind after the rape: 'It would have been better to have died at home than risked your life on the way. What have you gained? You only gained battering and robbery.'

Then another thought came to me, saying: 'Don't worry, this ordeal maybe is the last one.'"

Authorities say few cases are reported, making it difficult for them to investigate and prosecute the attackers. Charles Owino, a police spokesman, said security is adequate within Dadaab but the journey there on foot carries more risk.

Al-Qaida-linked militants within Somalia have killed people trying to flee the worst drought in 60 years, saying it is better for Somalis to starve than accept help from Western countries. □

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International pressure on Syria grows

By ELIZABETH A. KENNEDY
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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian President Bashar Assad came under a new barrage of international pressure Tuesday with the Turkish foreign minister urging him to stop killing protesters and U.S. officials saying the Obama administration is preparing to explicitly demand his departure. Even as Assad held more than six hours of talks with the visiting Turkish minister, his military unleashed fresh attacks on restive areas, attacks that activists said killed more than 20 people.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said he met the Syrian leader for more than six hours in the capital Damascus and discussed "concrete steps" to end the violent crackdown on protesters. Rights groups say about 1,700 people have been killed since March. An aggressive new military offensive that began with the Muslim holy month of Ramadan a week ago has killed several hundred. Speaking to reporters on his return to Turkey, Davutoglu said the talks were cordial but did not say what specific steps they had discussed or whether Assad had agreed to consider them. "We discussed ways to



Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, right, meets with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. in Damascus, Tuesday Aug. 9, 2011. Syria's president held talks with neighboring Turkey's foreign minister Tuesday as the regime faced a chorus of global reproach, with envoys from India, Brazil and South Africa also heading to Damascus to press for an end to the violent crackdown on a five-month-old uprising.

(AP Photo/Hakan Goktepe, Anatolian)

prevent confrontation between the army and the people and tensions like those in Hama in the most open and clear way," Davutoglu said, referring to the Syrian city that has become a flashpoint in the 5-month-old uprising against Assad's autocratic rule. "The coming days will be important to see if the expectations are being met. We hope that internal peace and calm is achieved and steps for reform are taken." Assad rebuffed the pres-

sure to scale back the crackdown. Instead, Syria's state-run news agency said he told Davutoglu the government will relentlessly fight "terrorist groups" — a term Syrian authorities often use for government opponents even though most of those killed are unarmed, peaceful protesters. SANA said Assad also pledged to press ahead with reforms. But promises of reform of have rung hollow against the backdrop of the crackdown.

In Washington, officials said the administration will call outright for Assad to give up power and hit the regime with tough new sanctions. The State Department signaled for the first time that American efforts to engage the Syrian government are finally over. The

White House is expected to lay out the tougher line by the end of this week, possibly on Thursday.

The officials said the move will be a direct response to Assad's decision to step up the ruthlessness of the crackdown against pro-reform demonstrators by sending tanks into opposition hotbeds. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal administration deliberations. President Barack Obama and other top U.S. officials previously had said Assad has "lost legitimacy" as a leader and that he either had to spearhead a transition to democracy or get out of the way. They had not specifically demanded that he step down. The new formulation will make it clear that Assad should leave power. Other countries are also stepping up the pressure. Envoys from India, Brazil and South Africa were expected to meet with Syrian officials in Damascus on Wednesday, part of a broad diplomatic push to stop the killings. □

Chile leader proposes civil unions, including gays

By EVA VERGARA

Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chile's conservative president proposed civil unions Tuesday that would give unmarried partners many of the rights now enjoyed only by married couples in the South American nation. Gays and lesbians lauded Sebastian Pinera's signature on the proposal that he is sending to Congress as a big step toward equality. But the leaders of Pinera's center-right coalition were so upset that they refused to attend the signing cer-

emony. Chile only legalized divorce in 2004, which is one reason why about 2 million people live together without legal recognition in the socially conservative country. Pinera, who fulfilled a campaign promise with the civil union bill, insists the initiative doesn't change the concept of marriage in conservative Chile, which only recognizes marriages between a man and a woman. But all couples "deserve respect, dignity and the support of state," he said in a speech at the presidential palace that was followed by pro-

longed applause.

If the bill is approved as written by both houses of congress, then couples who sign "agreements to life as a couple" before a notary or at the civil registry would be able to resolve legal problems with inheritances, social welfare issues and health care benefits. Leaders of the right-wing Independent Democratic Union and center-right National Renovation party are already uncomfortable with the project, and some lawmakers said they would try to change or stop the effort. □

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AP IMPACT: Japan ignored own radiation forecasts

By ERIC TALMADGE and MARI YAMAGUCHI

Associated Press

NAMIE, Japan (AP) — Japan's system to forecast radiation threats was working from the moment its nuclear crisis began. As officials planned a venting operation certain to release radioactivity into the air, the system predicted Karino Elementary School would be directly in the path of the plume emerging from the tsunami-hit Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant.

But the prediction helped no one. Nobody acted on it. The school, just over six miles (10 kilometers) from the plant, was not immediately cleared out. Quite the opposite. It was turned into a temporary evacuation center.

Reports from the forecast system were sent to Japan's nuclear safety agency, but the flow of data stopped there. Prime Minister Naoto Kan and others involved in declaring evacuation areas never saw the reports, and neither did local authorities. So thousands of people stayed for days in areas that the system had identified as high-risk, an Associated Press investigation has found.

At Karino Elementary in the town of Namie, about 400 students, teachers, parents and others gathered in the playground at the height of the nuclear crisis stemming from the March 11 earth-

quake and tsunami. Many ate rice balls and cooked in the open air.

They were never informed of the predictions that they were at risk. In an interview with the AP, Namie's mayor said it took more than 24 hours for him to realize — from watching TV — that the evacuees were in danger. He sent buses to move some of them out. But, unaware of the risks, they were taken to another part of town also forecast to be in the plume's path. Most were left to fend for themselves.

"When I think about it now, I am outraged," Principal Hidenori Arakawa said. "Our lives were put at risk."

Documents obtained by the AP, interviews with key officials and a review of other newly released documents and parliamentary transcripts indicate that the government's use of the forecast data was hamstrung by communication breakdowns and a lack of even a basic understanding of the system at the highest levels.

It's unclear how much radiation people might have been exposed to by staying in areas in the path of the radioactive plume, let alone whether any might suffer health problems from the exposure. It could be difficult to ever prove a connection: Health officials say they have no plans to prioritize radiation tests



James Zumwalt, deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, carries a wreath to the altar set up in Nagasaki Peace Park in Nagasaki, southern Japan Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011. The U.S. has sent its first representative to the annual memorial for the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, as the Japanese city remembered the historic horrors of radiation amid the nation's unfolding nuclear crisis.

(AP Photo/Kyodo News)



FILE - In this Monday, March 21, 2011 file photo released by Tokyo Electric Power Co., gray smoke rises from Unit 3 of the tsunami-stricken Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant in Okuma, Fukushima prefecture, Japan. The Japanese government failed to adequately utilize radiation threat forecasts in the early days of its nuclear crisis and allowed thousands of residents - including hundreds of schoolchildren - to remain in areas it had ample reason to believe put them in serious danger.

(AP Photo/Tokyo Electric Power Co., File)

of those who were at the school.

But the breakdown may hold lessons for other countries with nuclear power plants because similar warning systems are used around the world. This was their first test in a major crisis.

The Japanese network — built in 1986 at a cost of \$140 million (11 billion yen) — is known as SPEEDI, short for the System for Prediction of Environment Emergency Dose Information. It has radiation monitoring posts nationwide and has been tested in a number of drills, including one the prime minister led for the Hamaoka nuclear facility just last year. Even so, according to the prime minister's office, Kan and his top advisers never asked for or received the data. Despite taking part in the Hamaoka drill, Kan admitted he didn't understand how SPEEDI worked or how valuable the data was. "I had no idea what sort of information was available," he told Parliament on June 17. "I didn't know anything about it then, and there was no way I could make a judgment." In two post-crisis assessments, a report to the International Atomic Energy Agency and an annual white paper on science and technology, his government has said the network "failed to perform its intended function."

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Violent protests for education reform in Chile

By **FEDERICO QUILODRAN**

Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) —

Student protesters who have snarled Chile's universities and high schools with weeks of strikes and demonstrations called Monday for a national referendum on their demand for free and high-quality education.

The students also want teachers to join them Tuesday in a nationwide strike, and plan to march again without police permission down the capital's main avenue.

When they marched last week, nearly 900 protesters were arrested.

Catholic University student leader Giorgio Jackson said the situation was getting critical because many high school students could lose a year's worth of education and about 40 student hunger strikers can't hold on much longer.

There was no immediate response to the referendum demand from the administration of President Sebastian Pinera.

Chile operates under a constitution inherited from the 1973-90 dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet and it doesn't provide for referendums in such situa-



A boy holds a placard that reads in Spanish "I support a better education" in support of Chile's student protest in Santiago, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011. Students in Chile marched by the tens of thousands to keep pressure on the government for profound changes in public education.

(AP Photo/Roberto Candia)

tions.

Sen. Carlos Larraín, president of Pinera's center-right

National Renovation party, told Radio Agricultura that the idea of holding a refer-

endum under pressure from protesters was extremely dangerous and subversive. But Socialist party leader Osvaldo Andrade told Radio Bio Bio it made sense for such a vote when a country's politicians were so far apart on a divisive issue. Camila Vallejos, a spokeswoman for protesting university students, said it would be good to let Chile's citizens decide if they want the government to spend more and provide all students with free and improved education.

After two months of marches, strikes and school take-overs, Pinera replaced his

education minister and proposed a package of 21 reform measures.

Students rejected the proposal because it doesn't directly address a key demand that private universities invest their income in educational improvements, which protesters say is required by law for non-profit institutions.

Pinera's approval ratings fell to 26 percent in July, according to a survey by the Center for Public Studies. The same poll, which had an error margin of three percentage points, said 80 percent of Chileans support the students' demands. □



A demonstrator runs from tear gas thrown from a police vehicle during a student protest in Santiago, Chile, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011. Students in Chile marched by the tens of thousands to keep pressure on the government for profound changes in public education. Masked demonstrators burned cars and barricades, looted storefronts and threw furniture at police. Officers responded with tear gas and water cannons.

(AP Photo/Sebastian Silva)

Hotel owner sought in Dominican journalist slaying

By **EZEQUIEL ABIU LOPEZ**

Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO

Dominican Republic (AP) —

A resort owner is suspected of orchestrating the killing of a Dominican journalist who sought to expose links between drug traffickers, public officials and businessmen, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

Hotel owner Matias Avelino Castro wanted to prevent journalist Jose Silvestre from publishing a planned story that linked Avelino to a murder and drug trafficking, Deputy Attorney General Frank Soto said at a news conference.

The investigation also found Avelino sought revenge against Silvestre for past articles in his weekly newspaper, The Voice of the Truth, and reports on a radio program with the

same name, said Maximo Baez, a police spokesman. An arrest warrant has been issued for Avelino but his whereabouts are unknown, authorities said.

Soto said Avelino owns the Gran Aparta Hotel Las Galeras on the Samana Peninsula. A woman who answered the phone at the hotel said she did not know anyone by that name and hung up.

Police have detained one suspect in the killing, who told investigators Silvestre was shot to death when the suspect and three other men tried to force the journalist into an SUV on Aug. 2 in the city of La Romana. His body was found later on a roadside about 60 miles (100 kilometers) east of Santo Domingo.

Authorities say they have recovered the vehicle

used in the crime and found Silvestre's blood inside. The vehicle was apparently rented by a girlfriend of Avelino, who is also known by the name Joaquin Espinal Almeyda, said Hector Garcia Cuevas, director of investigations for the Dominican police.

The case has drawn attention from groups such as Amnesty International because of Silvestre's role as a muckraking journalist, known for reporting unsourced allegations of drug trafficking and corruption in this Caribbean country that has become a major transit point for drugs bound for the U.S. and Europe.

Soto said investigators have testimony from three people that Silvestre was paid to publish some of his allegations. □

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Blood test can tell fetal sex at 7 weeks

PAM BELLUCK

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A simple blood test that can determine a baby's sex as early as seven weeks into pregnancy is highly accurate if used correctly, according to a new study. It is a finding that experts say is likely to lead to more widespread use by parents concerned about gender-linked diseases and those who are merely curious, as well as people considering the more ethically controversial step of selecting the sex of their children.

The appeal of the test, which analyzes fetal DNA found in the mother's blood, is that it can establish sex weeks earlier than other options, like ultrasound, and is noninvasive, unlike amniocentesis and other procedures that carry small risks of miscarriage. The study was published online Tuesday in The Journal of the American Medical Association.

The tests have been available to consumers in drug-store chains and online for a few years, but their use has been limited, partly because their accuracy was unclear. Indeed, one company, which guaranteed 99.9 percent accuracy as early as five weeks into pregnancy, filed for bankruptcy after a lawsuit by scores of women whose tests showed the opposite sex of the baby they ended up having.

Doctors in Europe now routinely use the tests to help expectant parents whose offspring are at risk for rare gender-linked disorders determine whether they need invasive and costly genetic testing. (If the fetus is not the at-risk sex, such tests would be unnecessary.) But doctors in the U.S. generally have not prescribed the tests because they are unregulated and medical labs are not yet federally certified to use them.

That and other aspects of the pregnancy landscape could change as a result of the new study. The journal study analyzed reams of research on fetal DNA tests — 57 studies involving about 6,500 pregnancies



— and found that carefully conducted tests could determine sex with accuracy ranging from 95 percent at seven weeks to 99 percent at 20 weeks.

The study “has wide-reaching implications,” said Dr. Louise Wilkins-Haug, director for maternal-fetal medicine and reproductive genetics at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, who was not involved in the research. “Individuals need to be careful” to ensure that companies use rigorous laboratory procedures and support accuracy claims with data, she added.

One potential worry is that women might abort fetuses of an undesired sex. In fact, several companies do not sell tests in China or India, where boys are prized over girls, and female fetuses have been aborted.

While sex selection is not considered a widespread motive in the U.S., companies say that occasionally customers have expressed that interest, and have been denied the test. A recent study in the journal Prenatal Diagnosis found that in some Asian-American groups, more boys than girls are born in ratios that are “strongly suggesting prenatal sex selection,” the authors said.

At least one company, Consumer Genetics, which sells the Pink or Blue test, requires customers to sign a waiver saying they are not using the test for that purpose. “We don't want this technology to be used as a method of gender selection,” said the company's executive vice president, Terry Carmichael.

Sex-determination tests

are part of a new frontier of fetal DNA testing, which can be used to determine paternity and blood type, and is being used to develop early screening tests for genetic diseases like Down syndrome. The new study found that to be reliable, the sex-determination tests had to be performed after seven weeks of gestation. Most tests that were highly accurate were conducted on a mother's blood, not urine. And certain rigorous laboratory procedures had to be followed. For the blood tests, women prick their fingers and send blood samples to labs. If the Y chromosome is detected, the fetus is male. Absence of a Y chromosome would probably mean the fetus is female, but could mean that fetal DNA was not found in that sample.

The tests are not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration because they are not used for medical purposes, a spokeswoman said, but the agency is investigating the explosion of home genetic tests like these and genome-sequencing kits.

Dr. Diana Bianchi, executive director of the Mother Infant Research Institute at Tufts Medical Center in Boston and the lead author of the sex-determination report, said, “A very important aspect of the study is how this advances prenatal care.” But there are potential concerns too, she said, including that women may spend more than \$250 for the tests when they don't have insurance for prenatal care. A typical blood test like Pink or Blue, for example, costs \$25 for the kit. Lab fees and shipping costs,



which vary, bring the total expense to \$265 to \$330.

Bianchi is conducting another study to “try to find out why people are buying these things and what are the consequences,” she said. “It's very important to educate health care providers that pregnant women are buying these tests.” Another type of test not studied by the researchers has become popular because it is cheaper and can be done entirely at home. These tests analyze hormones in women's urine, a method that several experts said has not been studied as rigorously as DNA. Rebecca Griffin, a founder of the biggest seller, Intelligender, said two independent studies found it 90 percent accurate at 10 weeks' gestation.Â

Another company, TrovaGene,Â has developed a DNA test using urine, which, according to Gabriele Cerrone, TrovaGene's co-founder and director, is 95 percent accurate at predicting boys at seven weeks, and 88 percent accurate at predicting girls.Â

Most DNA tests on the market use blood.

Raylene Lewis, 34, of College Station, Texas, had a

frustrating experience with a now-defunct company, Acu-Gen, which guaranteed 99.9 percent accuracy with its blood tests. In 2005, she was told she was having a boy, and she chose a name, bought boy clothes and told everyone. When an ultrasound revealed she was carrying a girl, “I was absolutely shocked,” she said. She was not unhappy, she said, but “it was like the baby boy disappeared.”

When the Lewises complained to Acu-Gen's president, they were told, “We are very sure that genetically you are having a male,” she said, reading a transcript of the conversation, which they recorded. The official suggested that the baby might be “what a baby girl looks like on the outside,” but that “we're giving you the results on the inside.”

Lewis, who sued Acu-Gen, said she ultimately received a refund. Lawyers for Acu-Gen could not be reached for comment.

The Pink or Blue test, which claims 95 percent accuracy at seven weeks, and gives refunds for wrong results, appears to meet the standards described in the new study.□



5th Annual event at Cas di Cultura

World-Class Lineup Announced for Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival

ORANJESTAD - The fifth Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival will take place on October 7 and 8 with a pre-heating warm-up preceding the festival.

Held at Cas di Cultura, as is customary, the event has grown to full adulthood through the years. This means that world-class performers can be attracted to the event and thus the 2011 edition will be filled with the names of enormously talented artists. Names like Angie Stone, Eddie Palmieri, Candy Dulfer, Richard Bona and Raul Midon will be the fes-



tival's headliners without contest, but Cosy Cotton with singer Grana Louise is sure to attract a wide audience as well. Cosy Cotton is performing on Aruba for the fourth year now and, we can tell you, it makes the hearts of local and visiting blues fans beat faster! But the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival would not be complete without the considerable talent of local bands, like the Muziekschool Band and many more. All will get a spot in the spotlight on one of the stages at the Plaza di Cultura and will surely impress. This October weekend will also include art of all kinds: paintings, installations, drawings, poetry, theater and mime. To make the festival com-



plete, there will be a terrific food court.

As the organizers, The Purple Entertainment Group, are dotting the i's and crossing the t's to get everything shipshape and ready for two days of an explosion of excellent music, the excitement is building within Aruba's jazz and music fans. They are greatly

looking forward to the Caribbean Jazz Festival 2011. It promises to be super fantastic once again.

The concept of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival was inspired by the world-class North Sea Jazz Festival created by Paul Ackett, taking place in the Netherlands in the summer. The annual Aruba Jazz & Latin Music



festival which took place from 1986 till 2001 can be viewed as a predecessor of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival.

Famous featured performers such as Michel Camilo, Marcus Miller, Isaac Delgado, David Sanborn,

bean Sea Jazz Festival were Delbert Bernabela, Robert Jeandor, Johnny Scharbaai, Ivan Jansen, Ricardo Garcia, Antonio Bello, young Serghio Jansen, JEMM, Sonic Lab, Soul Cowboy, Gloria Vega, Sazon Cubano, Datapa-



Anacaona, Izaline Calister, Praful, Randal Corsen, Ronchi Matthew, Yuri Honing, Will Bernard, The Ploctones, Moon Baker, Red Fulka, Lao Tizer, Swing Design, Paoli Mejias, Cubop City Big Band and Cosy Cotton Bluse Band made the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival a truly international even of the highest caliber. Local Aruban artists and groups performing at the Carib-

nic, Timbache and Mystical Connection.

The four editions of the festival have been wonderful opportunities for artists to showcase their talent, enjoy the performances of their peers, and a treat for audiences to relax on the lawn, chill in the auditorium and sip and nibble in the open-air Lounge while listening to some of the best improvisations on earth. □

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On the picture: ATA rep Ms. Marouska Heyliger together with the honorees and Mrs. Gail Sahit-Mahabeer from the Marriott Ocean Club. □

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Papillon's Jojo Flores is Employee of the Month at Mise en Place



PALM BEACH - Jojo Flores is Mise en Place's Employee of the Month. He is one of the cooks at Papillon Restaurant and he has been selected for this honor not only because of his friendliness and readiness to help out where needed, but mainly because of the smile which can always be found on his face. Rolando Jojo Flores is originally from the Philippines, from Lipe City in Batangas. He came to Aruba to discover a part of the world that he did not know and to face the challenge of working abroad. Jojo has been at Papillon since its opening in January 1009; he loves working there because of the intriguing fusion between French and Caribbean cuisine, which always results in an interesting dish. The expert cook's personal favorite at Papillon is the sea bass. Congratulations, Jojo, for becoming Mise en Place's Employee of the Month!

In the picture (from left): Alfons Linders (Marketing Manager Mise en Place Holding), Rolando Jojo Flores (Employee of the month July 2011), Tina van mal (Manager Papillon) and Bas Kuurstra (Chef Papillon). □

Aruhiba, The 1 and Only Homemade Aruban Cigar



ORANJESTAD- Benjamin Petrocchi started the newest export product of Aruba, locally produced cigars called “Aruhiba”. These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrocchi has always had an interest in the cigar business and has also sold Premium Cuban Cigars, and now he is growing his own tobacco crop. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The process took ten years. Petrocchi dedication to the cigars is important for the molding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. The cigar box is



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Aruba Marriott hosts Brazilian fashion magazine



PALM BEACH - "Q LIQUIDO" is on Aruba from August 7 - 10. The Aruba Marriott hosts the Brazilian magazine "Q Liquido". The fashion magazine is featuring the destination Aruba for their fall/winter edition. Along with the photography crew Morgade, international supermodel Barbara Fialho and famous "novella" actor Diego Cristo from Brazil are the models for this special photo shoot with Aruba and the Aruba Marriott Resort used as the backdrop. □



For flash mobsters, crowd size a tempting cover

ERIC TUCKER
THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press

The July 4 fireworks display in the Cleveland suburb of

to enjoy the event," Shaker Heights Police Chief D. Scott Lee said. "All too often, some of the intent is malicious." Flash mobs start-

Berry to organize and keep a step ahead of police. Blackberry's manufacturer, Research in Motion, later issued a statement offering

and congregate at a moment's notice. That can overwhelm any municipality."

A Philadelphia man was assaulted by a group of about 30 people who were believed to have gotten together through Twitter. In 2009, crowds swelled along the trendy South Street shopping district and assaulted several people. On June 23, a couple dozen youths arrived via subway in Upper Darby, outside Philadelphia, and looted several hundred dollars of sneakers, socks and wrist watches from a Sears store. Their haul wasn't especially impressive but the sheer size of the group and the speed of the roughly five-minute operation made them all but impossible to stop.

"The good thing is there were no weapons and nobody tried to stop them, either," Upper Darby Police Chief Michael Chitwood said. "The only people that tried to stop them were the police when they rounded them up." Dubbed "flash mob robberies," the thefts are bedeviling both police and retailers, who say some of the heists were orchestrated or at least boasted about afterward on social networking sites. In recognition of the problem, the National Retail Federation issued a report last week recommending steps stores can take to ward off the robberies. There have even been legislative efforts to criminalize flash mobs. The Cleveland City Council passed a bill to make it illegal to use social media to organize a violent and disorderly flash mob, though the mayor vetoed the measure after the ACLU of Ohio promised it would be unconstitutional. The bill was at least partly inspired by the Shaker Heights disturbances on July 4.

Social networking and technology companies often have policies for coordinating with law enforcement authorities. Twitter, for example, says it requires a court order or subpoena to share non-public information about its users with law enforcement

— including protected tweets. But company officials also warn they can't review the more than 200 million tweets sent daily on the website and that some of the information may be inaccurate if a user has created a fake or anonymous profile.

Jonathan Taplin, director of the innovation lab at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication, said he was not surprised to see people using social media for organizing flash mob robberies.

"You are essentially having a world where you have 25 million people who are underemployed and 2 percent of the population doing better than they ever have," Taplin said. "Why wouldn't that lead to some sort of social unrest? Why wouldn't people use the latest technologies to effect that?"

In Los Angeles last month, thousands of ravers forced rush-hour street closures when they descended on a Hollywood cinema after a DJ tweeted he was holding a free block party. The sudden crowd dispersed only after police fired bean-bag bullets at the restive revelers and arrested three.

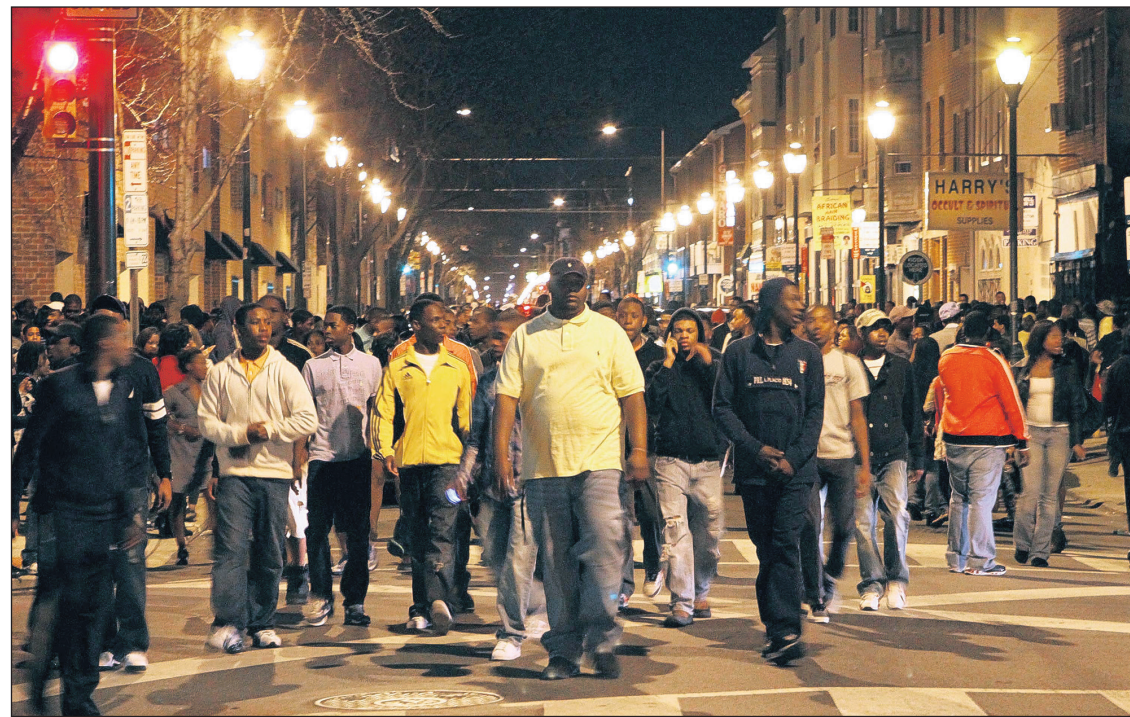
And in April, a man was shot when hundreds of rival gang members congregated along the Los Angeles seafont in Venice, sparking pandemonium as people scattered for cover. The group had gathered after some of them posted on Twitter and police were still strategizing their response to the huge crowd when shots rang out.

Los Angeles police Capt. Jon Peters said law enforcement's challenge is to try to sift the ocean of tweets and Facebook updates for signs of trouble. "We need to be able to get better on the intelligence side to pick up on communications that are going on," he said. Gillison, the deputy mayor from Philadelphia, said the police department there has reached out to younger community members and friended some of them on Facebook. □



In this photo taken July 14, 2011, actors dressed in beach attire participate in a flash mob as part of a commercial for McDonald's in Chicago.

Associated Press



In this March 20, 2010 photo, young people fill South Street during a flash mob incident that involved thousands and closed the street to traffic from Front Street to Broad in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

Shaker Heights was anything but a family affair.

As many as 1,000 teenagers, mobilized through social networking sites, turned out and soon started fighting and disrupting the event.

Thanks to social networks like Twitter and Facebook, more and more so-called flash mobs are materializing across the globe, leaving police scrambling to keep tabs on the spontaneous assemblies.

"They're gathering with an intent behind it — not just

ed off in 2003 as peaceful and often humorous acts of public performance, such as mass dance routines or street pillow fights. But in recent years, the term has taken a darker twist as criminals exploit the anonymity of crowds, using social networking to coordinate everything from robberies to fights to general chaos.

In London, recent rioting and looting has been blamed in part on groups of youths using Twitter, mobile phone text messages and instant messaging on Black-

berry to organize and keep a step ahead of police. "We have engaged with the authorities to assist in any way we can," the statement said.

And on Sunday in Philadelphia, Mayor Michael Nutter condemned the behavior of teenagers involved in flash mobs that have left several people injured in recent weeks.

"What is making this unique today is the social media aspect," said Everett Gillison, Philadelphia's deputy mayor for public safety. "They can communicate

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Serena Williams, of the United States, tosses the ball on a serve during her match against Alona Bondarenko, of Ukraine, at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Toronto on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011.

Associated Press

Serena Williams wins in 1st round at Rogers Cup

TORONTO (AP) — Serena Williams earned a 6-0, 6-3 first-round victory over Ukraine's Alona Bondarenko at the Rogers Cup on Tuesday.

The 13-time major winner got through the first set in 16 minutes using her speed and power, as a bewildered Bondarenko scattered across the court helplessly.

Bondarenko put up more resistance in the second, but could do little to contain Williams' imposing serve and forehand.

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Marathon swimmer ends record attempt to swim from Cuba to U.S.

In this photo released by the Florida Keys News Bureau, Diana Nyad reacts as she speaks to reporters and fans after arriving back in Key West, Fla., Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011, following the 61-year-old marathon swimmer's failed attempt to swim from Cuba to the Florida Keys.

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England-Netherlands match off due to London riots

ROB HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — England called off Wednesday's football friendly against the Netherlands because of concerns about player safety amid a wave of rioting and looting across London, which also threatens the staging of Premier League matches this weekend. The Wembley Stadium match was canceled by The Football Association after the Metropolitan Police struggled to contain a third

night of lawlessness in the British capital on Monday.

"There were certain concerns about the protection of players on both sides with the travel in coaches," said FA chairman David Bernstein, who added he believed this is the first time an England match has been canceled because of such circumstances.

"We have to put safety and security matters first. I am very sad indeed. This is the only thing we could have done."

A friendly between Ghana and Nigeria that was due to be played on Tuesday in Watford, which is 32 kilometers (20 miles) northwest of London, was also called off due to a lack of police. London's police force has struggled to contain the spiraling violence across the city, but they are preparing to have 16,000 officers on the streets to stop the violence.

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England's Rio Ferdinand, left, and John Terry, centre, lead out their team-mates as they make their way out ahead of a training session at the London Colney, training facility in London Tuesday Aug. 9, 2011.

Associated Press

Klinsmann ready to start with US national team

DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Less than two weeks after he was hired to jolt a program plagued by lackluster results, Jurgen Klinsmann faces his first test as U.S. coach on Wednesday night in a friendly against Mexico.

"Jumping into a game this right away is not an easy task, but it's an exciting one," Klinsmann said Tuesday.

Klinsmann, one of the greatest players Germany has ever produced, was put in charge of making the U.S. competitive again in the World Cup. After reaching the round of 16 at last year's World Cup, the Americans took a step backward this year. They were routed by Spain in early June, upset by Panama in Gold Cup group play and then blew a two-goal lead against Mexico before losing the Gold Cup final, costing Bob Bradley his coaching job.

The early — real early — returns are promising. Klinsmann says he's encouraged by the positive attitudes and talent after only a few days of camp. He jumped into training camp with an open mind about who could become impact players, and where



United States men's national team coach Jurgen Klinsmann, second from left, talks with Juan Agudelo, as Edson Buddle, left, and Edgar Castillo right, look on during practice Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011, in Philadelphia. The U.S. plays Mexico in an international friendly soccer match on Wednesday.

the pipeline needs more prospects.

Some of the best U.S. players — Landon Donovan, captain Carlos Bocanegra, defender Steve Cherundolo, Clint Dempsey — are aging, and the U.S. didn't have the best track record of developing promising young talent under Brad-

ley. At least, not enough of it. Klinsmann wants to find the next Donovan; the new generation of goalkeepers. If Mexico is the focus this week, the 2014 World Cup in Brazil never seemed too far out of his thoughts.

"I need to make sure the right people are in place," he said.

The Gold Cup loss to Mexico was a sign that the U.S. team's progress had stalled under Bradley.

The U.S. almost hired Klinsmann twice — first after the 2006 World Cup and again last year before giving Bradley what turned out to be a short-lived contract extension. □

Associated Press

Scott talked with caddie about Firestone brouhaha

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AP National Writer

JOHNS CREEK, Georgia (AP) — Adam Scott talked with Steve Williams about the caddie's comments last weekend at Firestone, and both are ready "let our clubs do the talking" at the PGA Championship.

Coming off a win against an elite field at the World Golf Championship, Scott is one of the favorites in the final major of the year at Atlanta Athletic Club.

But the very first question the Aussie was asked Tuesday — and several more — related to whether Williams stole the attention that should have gone to Scott by lashing out at former boss Tiger Woods as soon

as they came off the 18th green in Akron.

"I kind of think it's been blown out of proportion," Scott said. "I guess it's newsworthy stuff. I don't know. Steve was obviously delighted to win, as was I. And, you know, he was speaking with a bit of emotion probably."

No probably about it. Williams gave an interview that was nearly twice as long as Scott's, calling it "the best win I've ever had" — quite a pronouncement, given he was on the bag for 13 of Woods' major titles before getting fired this summer.

Williams also made it clear that he felt Woods had treated him unfairly, saying he stuck by his former boss



Adam Scott's caddie Steve Williams looks over a green during a practice round for the PGA Championship golf tournament Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011, at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Ga.

Associated Press

even through all his personal turmoil and health problems.

"Look, we've had a chat about the whole thing," said Scott, whose laid-back personality is a striking contrast to Williams' emotional demeanor. "I just took what he said as confidence in me. If he really feel that was

one of his great wins, I'm kind of flattered and it fills me with confidence. I think that's what his intention is, to be honest."

Reached on his cell phone, Williams told The Associated Press he was caught off guard when the media came up to interview him after Scott's win. □

England-Netherlands

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Contractors remove banners at Wembley Stadium, London, Tuesday Aug. 9, 2011. Raging riots across London forced England to call off Wednesday's soccer match against the Netherlands at Wembley Stadium. Association Press

The Premier League will wait until Thursday to see whether the three season openers in London can still go ahead on Saturday.

"We are in ongoing discussions with our London-based clubs, the Metropolitan Police and statutory authorities in regard to the staging of the coming weekend's fixtures in the capital," the topflight said in a joint statement with the Football League. "The Metropolitan Police has conveyed to us the dynamic nature of the current situation and with that in mind all parties will review the situation on Thursday and make a further public statement at that time."

"With the information currently available to us there is no reason to think any matches outside of London will be affected." The violence first broke out late Saturday near to Premier League club Tottenham, a low-income district in north London where outraged protesters demonstrated against the fatal police shooting of man who was gunned down in disputed circumstances on Thursday.

Tottenham's football club saw damage to a ticket office at White Hart Lane ahead of its match against Everton on Saturday. □



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Nyad drops any more bids to swim Cuba to Florida

JENNIFER KAY

Associated Press

KEY WEST, Florida (AP) —

Disappointed marathon swimmer Diana Nyad gave up on any more attempts to cross from Cuba to Florida after ending her second bid mid-channel Tuesday because of wind, currents and health problems. The 61-year-old left Cuba on Sunday but said asthma and shoulder pain contributed to ending her second try in 33 years to swim the Florida Straits.

"This was such a dream. For two years, I pictured myself walking up on that shore, and I wanted that moment badly," Nyad said after her support boat docked in Key West.

Doctors used inhalers and various medicines to try to open up her lungs as she was swimming, but the veteran swimmer said she "was so depleted of oxygen and I was limping along."

As the water turned choppy and her condition worsened, Nyad said her dream of finishing the swim was so strong that she vowed to doggy paddle her way to the finish line if that's what it took.

But by midnight, she was trembling and spent from the asthma attacks.

"I think I'm going to have to go to my grave without swimming from Cuba to Florida," she told CNN.

According to her Twitter feed, Nyad was pulled



In this photo released by the Florida Keys News Bureau, Diana Nyad, right, gestures as U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents board her support boat in Key West, Fla., Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011. The 61-year-old marathon swimmer had to be pulled from the water early Tuesday during a second attempt to swim from Cuba to the Florida Keys.

Associated Press

from the water early in the morning after swimming for 29 hours.

The swim was expected to take 60 hours to cover at least 103 miles.

"It was so hard. I couldn't even swim. I couldn't be the swimmer I am.

I had severe asthma for 11 hours — I was taking 10 strokes and then going on my back and gasping.

I had severe pain in my right shoulder that was so excruciating that every stroke I took from the third hour all the way through 30, I just winced every time," she said.

The Twitter account reported she decided to end the swim herself,

after "realizing the conditions of 5 to 10 knot winds

and less than ideal currents." An online chart plotting the swimmer's track showed the Gulf Stream currents pushing Nyad to the east of the intended course. Nyad had hoped to end her swim at Southernmost Point in Key West, Florida.

In her second attempt, Nyad tried to accomplish what she failed to do at 28 in 1978. This time, she even attempted the swim without a shark cage, relying instead on an electrical field from equipment towed by kayakers to keep them at bay.

In her first attempt in 1978, she quit after being in the water for 41 hours and 49

minutes due to strong currents and rough weather that banged her around in the shark cage.

Had the latest attempt been successful, Nyad would have broken her own record of 102.5 miles (165 kilometers) for an open-sea swim without a shark cage, set in 1979 when she stroked from the Bahamas to Florida.

Before the swim, Nyad told journalists she hoped her swim would inspire others her age to live active lives. She said she also hoped it could help improve understanding between Cold War rivals Cuba and the United States, even if just symbolically. □

At 46, Bernard Hopkins ready to face Chad Dawson

RACHEL COHEN

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Bernard Hopkins is moving as fast as ever.

The 46-year-old light heavyweight champ won a big bout in late May, will defend his title in October, and wants to fight again in January.

Hopkins will face 29-year-old Chad Dawson in Los Angeles on Oct. 15 with his WBC belt on the line.

"I didn't want to sit," Hopkins said Tuesday after a news conference in New York. "Not at 46."



World Boxing Council light heavyweight champion Bernard Hopkins, left, listens as challenger Chad Dawson speak during a boxing news conference on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011 in New York.

Associated Press

Hopkins is already thinking about what's next. He wants a rematch against

undefeated Joe Calzaghe, to whom he lost in a split decision in 2008. □

AL Roundup

Ortiz gets late winner for Red Sox vs. Twins

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) —

Boston's David Ortiz hit the go-ahead single with two outs in the ninth inning, capping an impressive personal game and lifting the Red Sox to an 8-6 win over the Minnesota Twins in the American League on Monday.

Ortiz, a former Twin, hit a two-run homer in the sixth, finishing with four hits and three RBIs; only a triple shy of hitting the cycle. Jarrod Saltalamacchia added a homer and two RBIs to help the Red Sox move 1-1/2 games ahead of the idle New York Yankees in the AL East division.

Marco Scutaro chipped in with three hits, and Boston reliever Alfredo Aceves (8-1) gave up one run in an inning for the victory.

Glen Perkins (3-2) gave up two runs in 1 2-3 innings to take the loss for the Twins, who suffered their fifth straight defeat.

Rangers 9, Mariners 2

In Arlington, Matt Harrison pitched seven strong innings for his career-high 10th victory, guiding Texas past Seattle.

Harrison (10-8) allowed two



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz, left, comes in to score from third as Minnesota Twins catcher Joe Mauer can't handle the throw on a fielders choice hit into by Mike Aviles in the eighth inning of a baseball game Monday, Aug. 8, 2011, in Minneapolis. Mauer was charged with an error on the play.

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runs with six strikeouts and no walks, surpassing his nine-win rookie season in 2008.

Nelson Cruz homered and had three hits. Mitch Moreland and Yorvit Torrealba also had three hits for the AL West-leading Rangers, who stretched

their lead over the idle Los Angeles Angels to 1-1/2 games.

The Rangers scored twice in the second against rookie Charlie Furbush (1-1) with the help of the Mariners' second error of the night. Furbush allowed seven runs over four-plus innings.

Rays 2, Royals 1

In St. Petersburg, Casey Kotchman led off the ninth inning with a home run and also hit a run-scoring single to lift Tampa Bay over Kansas City.

Kotchman drove the first pitch from Blake Wood (5-1) over the center field fence.

Rays closer Kyle Farnsworth (4-1) pitched a perfect ninth to earn the win.

White Sox 7, Orioles 6

In Baltimore, A.J. Pierzynski homered and drove in three runs to power Chicago to a narrow win over Baltimore.

Gordon Beckham also connected for the White Sox, who blew a four-run lead before rallying to secure their season-high sixth consecutive road win. Baltimore's J.J. Hardy hit a three-run homer in the seventh off Jesse Crain (6-3) to put Baltimore up 6-5, but the White Sox regained the lead against Jim Johnson (5-4). Paul Konerko walked, Carlos Quentin singled and Pierzynski hit a sacrifice fly to tie the game. Alex Rios then singled under the glove of the third baseman to bring home Quentin for the winner.

Sergio Santos struck out the side in a perfect ninth for his 23rd save of the season.

In other AL games it was Chicago White Sox 7, Baltimore 6; Boston 8, Minnesota 6; Tampa Bay 2, Kansas City 1; and Texas 9, Seattle 2. □

Rogers Cup

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Canadians Stephanie Dubois and Aleksandra Wozniak also advanced with first-round victories. Dubois earned a 7-6 (4), 6-1 win over German qualifier Kathrin Woerle to set up a second-round match against fourth-seeded Victoria Azarenka, while Wozniak cruised past Israel's Shahar Peer 6-1, 6-0.

No. 10-seeded Andrea Petkovic ousted another Canadian, overcoming a rain delay lasting more than three hours before beating 17-year-old wild-card entry Eugenie Bouchard 6-2, 6-2.

Former champion Ana Ivanovic of Serbia had a 6-1, 6-1 win over Chinese qualifier to advance to the second round here for the first time since

2007.

In other action Tuesday: Roberta Vinci beat Yanina Wickmayer 6-4, 6-2; China's Shuai Peng eliminated Spain's Lourdes Dominguez Lino 6-1, 7-5; and Spaniard Anabel Medina Garrigues defeated Italy's Sara Errani 7-5, 6-1.

Serbia's Bojana Jovanovski won against Jelena Dokic after the Australian retired in the first set; Italy's Flavia Pennetta was a 6-3, 6-1 winner over Russia's Maria Kirilenko; and Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova won 6-3, 6-4 over Argentina's Gisela Dulko.

Defending champ Murray loses early in Montreal MONTREAL (AP) — Two-time defending champion Andy Murray was upset 6-3, 6-1 by Kevin Anderson in the second round of the Rogers Cup on Tuesday. The fourth-seeded Murray, who had a bye in the first round, is ranked No. 4,



Andy Murray from Great Britain reacts during his match against Kevin Anderson of South Africa, at the Rogers Cup men's tennis tournament, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011 in Montreal.

Associated Press

31 places higher than his South African opponent.

Murray, who won the 2009 Rogers Cup in Montreal and defended his title last year in Toronto, said Anderson's serve is the best part of his game.

"If he serves well — it's a very fast court, it's tough to break — he can be dangerous," Murray said.

Also, Canada's Vasek Pospisil reached the second round with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over 22nd-ranked Juan Ignacio Chela of Argentina.

Earlier, German qualifier Philipp Petzschner beat ninth-seeded Gilles Simon of France 7-5, 6-2. Petzschner will take on Ivo Karlovic of Croatia in the

second round.

In other early action, No. 10 seed Richard Gasquet of France beat Flavia Mayer of Germany 6-3, 6-2; American qualifier Michael Russell downed Spain's Albert Montanes 7-5, 6-2; Ukraine's Sergiy Stakhovsky defeated Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-2, 7-5; Serbia's Viktor Troicki beat American Michael Yani 2-6, 6-3, 6-1; Michael Llorda of France defeated Mikhail Youzhny of Russia 3-6, 6-3, 7-6; and Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia knocked out Colombia's Alejandro Falla 7-5, 6-1.

A rain delay in Montreal postponed several late-afternoon matches.

Top-seeded Novak Djokovic was scheduled to play Nikolay Davydenko in the evening match. □



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Halladay first to 15 wins as Phillies beat Dodgers

NL Roundup

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Philadelphia pitcher Roy Halladay became the National League's first 15-game winner, steering the Phillies to a 5-3 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Monday. Halladay (15-4) allowed one run over 6 1-3 innings as Philadelphia maintained a luxurious 8-1/2 game lead atop the NL East division. Ryan Howard and Jimmy Rollins drove in two runs each for Philadelphia, while Shane Victorino — who played while awaiting the outcome of an appeal against a three-game suspension for his part in a fight in San Francisco last week — homered in the ninth. Howard's RBI was his NL-leading 89th, four more than Milwaukee's Prince Fielder. Dodgers starter Hiroki Kuroda (7-14) gave up four runs

through 6 1-3 innings.

Braves 8, Marlins 5

In Miami, Dan Uggla extended his hitting streak to 29 games as Atlanta beat hapless Florida.

Uggla hit a ground ball to shortstop for an infield single in the fifth inning, extending the longest active hitting streak in the majors. Chipper Jones followed with a single and Alex Gonzalez then hit a three-run homer off Brad Hand (1-4) to break the game open. Uggla added a sacrifice fly in the sixth. Atlanta's Michael Bourn drove in a run with his 30th infield hit, most in the NL.

Freddie Freeman had a two-run single.

Braves starter Derek Lowe (7-10), who had lost his past three starts, allowed two runs in six innings and took the win. Craig Kimbrel struck out two batters for his 35th save of the season. The Marlins are 0-5 in their

current homestand.

Pirates 5, Giants 0

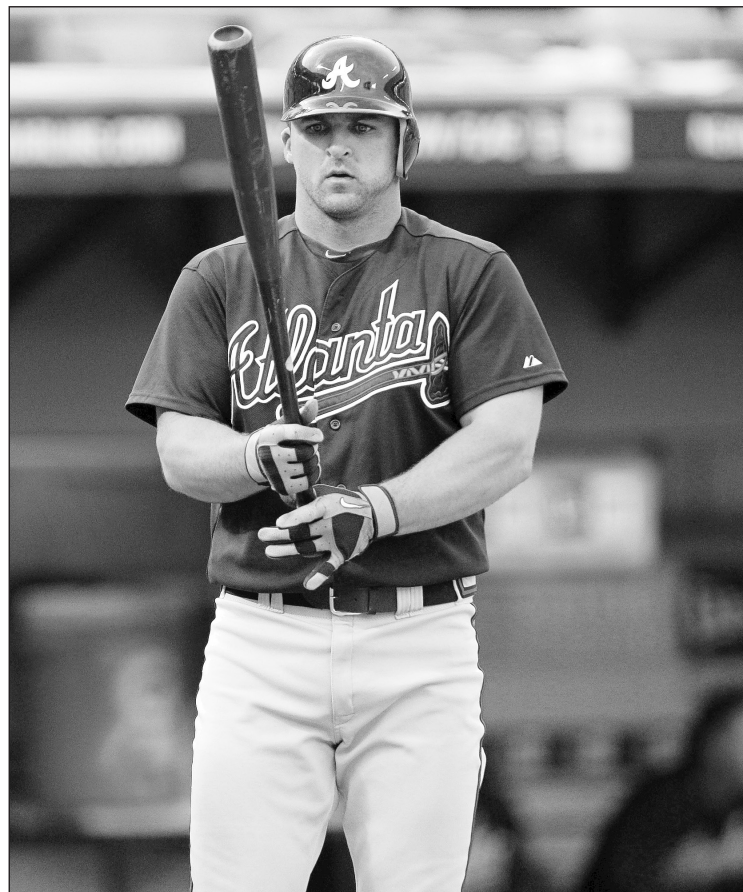
In San Francisco, Pittsburgh broke through for its first win in 11 games, downing San Francisco.

Pirates starter Charlie Morton (9-6) pitched eight scoreless inning and reliever Jose Veras completed the team's ninth shutout this season.

Ryan Ludwick hit two RBI singles while Garrett Jones doubled among his four hits for Pittsburgh, which battered Giants pitcher Ryan Vogelsong (9-2), who lost for the first time in 13 starts. The Giants — held to two or fewer runs for the eighth time in 10 games — were blanked for the third time in nine games and had their NL West lead cut to half a game ahead of Arizona.

Rockies 10, Reds 7

In Cincinnati, Carlos Gonzalez's two-run homer — Colorado's fourth of the game — broke an eighth-



Atlanta Braves batter Dan Uggla heads to the plate during the first inning of a baseball game against the Florida Marlins, Monday, Aug. 8, 2011, in Miami. Uggla extended his hitting streak to 29 games.

Associated Press

NFL adds game-day tests or performance enhancers

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL is adding game-day testing for performance-enhancing substances — but not recreational drugs — this season under the new collective bargaining agreement. The league's senior vice president of law and labor policy, Adolpho Birch, said Tuesday on a conference call with reporters that tests weren't conducted in the past on days there were games "because of logistical issues involved, much more so than any philosophical issues." Birch, who oversees the NFL's drug program, added that the league had devel-

oped a way to test that "is not overly disruptive to the clubs and that respects the game-day process."

Birch would not say where talks between the NFL and the players' union stand — or even if they've started — about details that need to be worked out before the league can introduce random, year-round blood testing for human growth hormone.

The NFL and union agreed last week that HGH testing can become part of the sport's drug program under the new, 10-year collective bargaining agreement that was ratified by players

Thursday. But first issues such as the appeals process and how tests are taken have to be negotiated.

"The key to this testing is the randomness of it, and that every player is subject to and eligible for testing on a year-round basis, with no notice," Birch said.

The only limitation on the number of tests is that a player may be tested a maximum of six times each offseason, from February until the start of training camp.

"I would certainly expect players will be tested in an amount that will be meaningful."

inning tie in a that featured a long rain delay and seven homers in all as the Rockies beat Cincinnati.

Seth Smith hit two two-run homers for the Rockies, the fifth multihomer game of his career. Gonzalez snapped a 7-7 tie with the first homer allowed this season by Bill Bray (2-2). Todd Helton also homered.

Colorado's four homers matched its season high and the seven homers between the two teams accounted for 15 of the 17 runs scored.

Rockies reliever Matt Belisle (6-4) pitched out of a threat in the seventh and Huston Street worked the ninth for his 29th save.

Mets 9, Padres 8

In New York, Lucas Duda's two-run single capped a

three-run ninth that rallied New York past San Diego.

Angel Pagan, Jason Bay and David Wright all homered for the Mets on a day they put their top two hitters — Jose Reyes and Daniel Murphy — on the disabled list.

The Padres got four runs in the top of the eighth to take an 8-4 lead but their normally reliable bullpen couldn't hold it, and San Diego's four-game winning streak was snapped.

Duda, who had three hits, singled to start a two-run

In other Atlanta 8, Florida 5; Colorado 10, Cincinnati 7; N.Y. Mets 9, San Diego 8; Houston 9, Arizona 1; Philadelphia 5, L.A. Dodgers 3; and Pittsburgh 5, San Francisco 0.

Looking Good

By: Dr Carlos Viana



With my second book, Prescriptions from Paradise, on its way to be printed, new pictures had to be taken for the cover and promotional material. In preparation of the picture taking I was sent off to endure a day at the spa. A full body scrub, facial, manicure, and pedicure later, I was then fussed over by two gorgeous women who straightened and aligned me for the best photo angle. Yes, I do lead a pampered life. As we can see around us, age is no barrier to wanting to look good nor is one society more conceited than another. People of both sexes', ages, and different countries want to look good. Consequently, the desire to enhance one's image has worldwide appeal. Looking good outside makes us more attractive. What many people do not realize is the signs of looking good on the outside are a reflection of vibrant health. So, what we find attractive in others is that unconsciously we feel they are healthy people. However, many people rely too much on the tricks of the spa, makeup and clothes. Many people believe they can afford to disregard a healthy lifestyle as long as they have a plastic surgeon, a salon and a day spa telephone number. Many, wanting to be thinner, get liposuction. Others, with thinning hair run off to the salon for extensions. When nails become brittle, acrylic nails are a phone call away.

What most of us fail to recognize is that negative changes in our skin, hair and nails are our body's way of screaming for help. We want to know the newest beauty treatments way before we teach ourselves how to listen to our bodies. The simplest fact is, what keeps you clean and healthy on the inside will keep you looking good on the outside. Simple lifestyle changes can help you keep you looking young and fresh without costing you an arm and a leg.

If you want clean and clear skin, drink more water. Your kidneys remove waste products that must be dissolved by water. By drinking a liter of water a day for every thirty kilos of your body weight you are flushing out the toxins that normally would escape through the pores of your skin. This prevents pimples and blemishes and helps keep the skin moisture level even.

The optimum cleanser, colon hydrotherapy, is a treatment and preventative measure we introduced in our clinic, where for the past decade, this natural procedure has effected small miracles. Patients once ill and despondent excitedly report, in addition to relief from the symptoms that plagued them, renewed vigor and vitality, softer and more radiant skin, increased sex drive, mental clarity, and even a sense of emotional and spiritual well-being.

Colon hydrotherapy

cleanses the large intestine above the rectum all the way to the cecum, on the lower right side of the abdomen. The patient lies comfortably on his or her back or side while the therapist gently infuses warm, filtered water into the rectum through a tube attached to the colonics machine. As the water flows through the colon, it removes excess gas, mucus, and hardened fecal matter.

It is hard to imagine the amount of money that is spent to look like people have shiny abundant hair. Protein fortifies the hair and promotes its growth, yet, it is important to note that not every metabolic type or blood type should be eating the same protein. Vitamin A is good for preventing dry skin and dry hair. Food sources of vitamin A are carrots, dark leafy greens and sweet potatoes. Omega-3 fatty acids also helps prevent dry hair. Omega-3 fatty acids, found in wild salmon, mackerel, walnuts and flaxseed, are great for the skin. Omega-3 fatty acids help decrease inflammation; which can damage the collagen in the skin, causing wrinkles, prevent dryness in the skin. It also adds moisture, leading to healthier looking skin and strong nails by preventing cracking.

Brittle nails and also those unattractive little white spots on nails is a sure sign of zinc deficiency. Zinc is needed for a multitude of functions, including tissue repair, wound

healing, maintenance of night vision, taste acuity and hormone production. Zinc-rich foods are shellfish and lean red meats. Pumpkin seeds provide one of the most concentrated vegetarian food sources of zinc. Brittle fingernails are often a sign of iron deficiency. Iron comes from both animal and plant sources. I do not recommend iron supplements. Instead, iron is found abundantly in lean red meats and deep green vegetables like spinach. However, many people, especially those with type A and AB blood many times lack the digestive juices to extract the iron from their foods. Including vitamin C from citrus foods or food supplements helps absorb iron from in the digestive tract. With guidance from a certified clinical nutritionist and from the results from your blood test, your outside can develop a strong, blemish free foundation; a foundation that a day at the spa will enhance. Getting the right balance of important nutrients takes some forethought and planning, but it's not difficult, and it certainly does not condemn you to an uninteresting menu. Additionally, organic food based supplements will complement the good food that you are eating according to your blood type.

Get The Point! For the record, I'm not opposed to a little nip and tuck or the tricks of a great spa. However, I do think it's unwise to ignore your body's pleas in favor of instant

gratification. I always tell my patients to listen and pay attention to their bodies. You are the best judge of the changes your body is going through. Want some help feeling good both inside and out?

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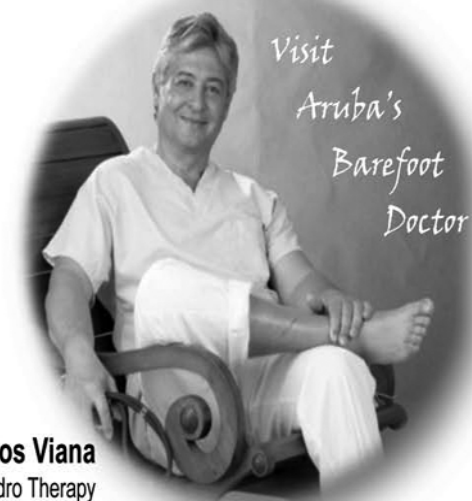
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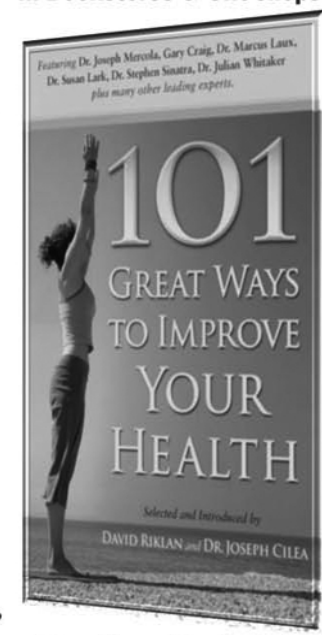
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Experts: Small targets no match for savvy hackers

By JIM SALTER
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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — An online attack against dozens of rural American law enforcement agencies in which emails, credit card numbers and crime tips were stolen and posted on the Internet has left some officials wondering how they can ward off future hacking attempts, if at all. The attack by the hackers' collective Anonymous on agencies in five states — Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Mississippi — was likely so broad in scope because many sites were hosted by the same company, Brooks-Jeffrey Marketing, of Mountain Home, Ark. But the theft exposed a "dirty little secret" about hacking — the best hackers can beat the tools meant to stop them and many potential victims don't know it, said Anup Ghosh, the co-founder and CEO of the software security company Invincea.

"Everyone is getting compromised. You either know it or you don't," Ghosh said Monday. Most of the technology meant to prevent hacking was developed

in the mid- to late-1990s, yet hackers have continued to develop their trade, Ghosh said. "The guys writing the attack codes have evolved their technologies considerably," he said.

What has changed is that "hacktivists" such as Anonymous want the world to know about their crimes, breaches that were once kept quiet or that went unnoticed by hacking targets are now being trumpeted. "The hacktivists benefit by making public the fact that they've compromised those networks and they're putting the data out there essentially to embarrass those organizations and cause harm," Ghosh said. After posting the stolen law enforcement data online on Saturday, Anonymous members taunted local sheriffs on Twitter and the group's website, saying they wanted to embarrass and discredit law enforcement after a series of arrests targeting alleged members of the group.

Much of the pilfered information appeared to be benign, but some emails contained crime tips, profiles of gang members and other sensitive information.

The attacked websites appeared to be back up Monday, and the stolen information remained online elsewhere.

In Missouri, nine county sheriffs and the state sheriffs association were hacked, and deputies' credit card information and home addresses were made public. In small-town Gassville, Ark., hackers posted photos of teenage girls in their swimsuits that were sent to Police Chief Tim Mayfield as part of an ongoing investigation, Mayfield said. The hackers also said they used credit card numbers to make "involuntary donations" to a variety of groups. One person confirmed to The Associated Press that his credit card was used.

The FBI and several law enforcement agencies are investigating the attack, said Steve Frazier a spokesman for the FBI's Little Rock office. He declined to comment further.

Kevin Mitnick, a Las Vegas security consultant and a former hacker, said simple security audits, in which someone like him tries to hack into a site, can show a website's vulnerabilities,



A building housing Brooks-Jeffrey Marketing in Mountain Home, Ark., is shown Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011. The group known as Anonymous said Saturday it hacked into some 70 mostly rural law enforcement websites in the United States.

Associated Press

which can then be fixed. But Heather Egan Sussman, an attorney in Boston who specializes in information privacy, said she wondered if cash-strapped government agencies can afford the privacy measures they need. "I think what we're seeing are state and local agencies that are underfunded, overworked, overstressed," she said. "And yet they are housing some of the most sensitive data about citizens and residents."

Several of the sheriffs whose sites were compromised have downplayed the attack, saying they're not sure what was taken or that they don't keep sensitive information online.

"The stuff on the website, really, I'm not even concerned about," said Sheriff

Joe Guy of McMinn County, Tenn. "It's out there for the public to see."

But others, including Guy, questioned whether their websites would be more secure if they weren't hosted alongside dozens of others run by the same company. "Based on what's been posted online, this has purely been an attempt to embarrass law enforcement," said Guy, whose department pays Brooks-Jeffrey Marketing about \$200 per month. Hosting a site privately "might have reduced the chances of it purely because it wouldn't be in a provider that does law enforcement," he said. Brooks-Jeffrey officials did not respond to repeated messages seeking comment about the online attack. □

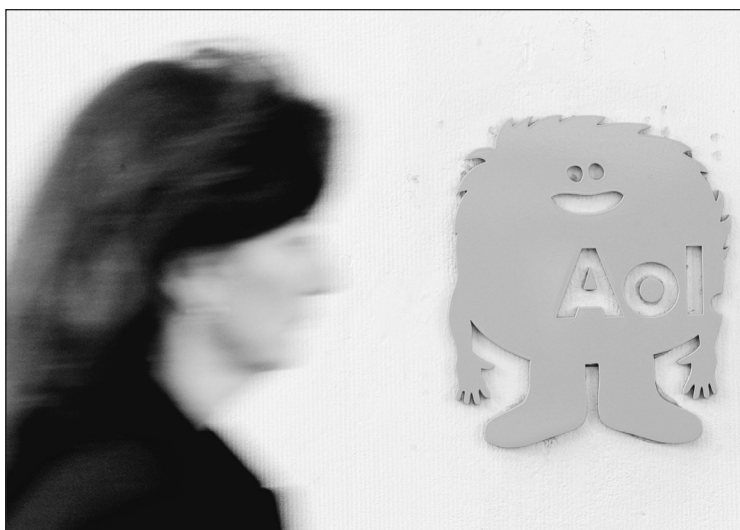
AOL posts smaller 2Q net loss, ad revenue grows

NEW YORK (AP) — Internet company AOL Inc. reported smaller net loss for the second quarter on Tuesday even though revenue fell. The year-ago results were weighed down by a huge accounting charge.

AOL's advertising revenue grew for the first time since 2008, in what CEO Tim Armstrong said reflects "another meaningful step forward in the comeback of the AOL brand."

The company has been working on turning its business around as demand for its old dial-up Internet service fades.

To this end it bought the Huffington Post earlier this year for \$315 million, along with the technology blog



In this Feb. 7, 2011 photo, a small AOL placard is displayed at their offices in New York.

Associated Press

TechCrunch last year. "We have cleaned up and simplified our operations," Armstrong told analysts in a conference call. "We're

witnessing encouraging metrics in key growth areas and we're seeing the beginning of this manifest in our reported numbers."

Investors, though, weren't as impressed, and the company's shares dropped \$2.31, or 15.3 percent, to \$12.75 in morning trading. They may have been focusing AOL's weaker-than-expected display advertising and search ad revenue in June.

Chief Financial Officer Arthur Minson said AOL's search advertising trends "got a little bit weaker as we moved through the quarter."

AOL posted a net loss of \$11.8 million, or 11 cents per share, in the three months that ended June 30. A year ago it lost \$1.06 billion, or \$9.89 per share. That was due largely to write-downs of \$1.41 billion for the de-

clining value of its assets and the sale of social networking site Bebo.

In the latest quarter, AOL booked special items totaling 15 cents per share. Excluding these, the company would have earned 4 cents per share.

Revenue fell 8 percent to \$542.2 million from \$592.2 million. Analysts had expected lower revenue of \$535.1 million, according to a poll by FactSet.

Advertising revenue grew 5 percent to \$319 million, helped by AOL's acquisition of Huffington Post.

Subscription revenue fell 23 percent to \$201.3 million as fewer people paid to access AOL's waning dial-up service. □

Apple briefly passes Exxon as most valuable U.S. company

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NEW YORK (AP) — Apple briefly surpassed Exxon Mobil on Tuesday as the nation's most valuable company.

The iPhone and iPad maker had the lead for much of the afternoon before its stock closed just behind Exxon's. The two companies are so close that Apple is likely to keep the top spot soon.

Apple Inc.'s stock gained 5.9 percent to \$374.01 on Tuesday, bringing its market capitalization to about \$347 billion.

Exxon Mobil Corp.'s stock, meanwhile, closed up 2.1 percent at \$71.64. That gives the oil company a market cap of \$348 billion. Its stock was down earlier in the day, allowing Apple to take the lead.

Other big-name corporations, such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and General Electric Co., don't even come close. Apple overtook Microsoft Corp., the previous No. 2, just last year.

Does this mean people need iPads more than oil? "Exxon obviously sells a product that people need. Apple sells a product that people want," said Brian Marshall, an analyst with Gleacher & Co. who follows Apple.

Exxon, which set a record in 2008 for the highest quarterly earnings by any company, has limited growth prospects, which are driven by oil prices and discovering new oil. It's growing, but not as quickly as Apple, which is charging ahead at the pace of a startup, Marshall says, even though the company is 35 years old.

Apple, which is based in Cupertino, California, has been on a roll with the soaring popularity of its iPad tablet computer and strong sales of the iPhone. Its growth is limited only by innovation. Investors expect it to grow as long as it keeps making products that people want. So investors are betting on



An Exxon sign is displayed at a gas station in Greentree, Pa., on Tuesday, July 26, 2011. Exxon said Thursday, July 28, higher oil prices and refining margins boosted its second-quarter profits 41 percent.

Associated Press

Apple's stock even though it currently makes less money than Exxon.

In its latest quarterly report, Apple said stronger iPhone and iPad sales helped more than double its net income to \$7.31 billion and grow revenue by 82 percent to \$28.6 billion.

Exxon Mobil, meanwhile, posted a 41 percent increase in its second-quarter earnings to \$10.68

billion, the largest since it set a record of \$14.8 billion in the third quarter of 2008. Its revenue grew 36 percent to \$125.5 billion.

International companies that vie for the most valuable spot in the world include PetroChina Co., the publicly traded unit of China's biggest oil and gas company, and Petrobras, Brazil's state-controlled energy company. □

Newsstand sales of U.S. magazines down 9 percent

NEW YORK (AP) — Sales of U.S. magazines at newsstands and other retail outlets fell 9 percent in the first six months of the year in a sign of readers trimming discretionary spending, according to figures from an industry trade group released Tuesday.

Although overall circulation was down just 1 percent, the larger drop in the single-copy sales figure is troubling for magazine publishers. That's because publishers typically make more from those sales than from subscriptions, which are sold at a discount so publishers can boost circulation and lure advertisers.

Single-copy sales have been steadily declining. The Audit Bureau of Circulations, an industry trade group, says that in the latest period, the 418 titles examined sold 29.8 million copies at retail outlets, compared with 32.8 million a year earlier. Overall circulation was 301 million, down from 305 million.

The figures include digital sales, such as those on Apple's iPad tablet computer.

The top-selling consumer magazine on newsstands, Cosmopolitan, saw single-copy sales fall 2.6 percent to 1.6 million. Woman's World was the No. 2 magazine by single-copy sales at 1.19 million, a 5 percent drop from a year ago. People, which is owned by Time Warner Inc., was third at 1.15 million, reflecting a 10.5 percent drop.

The magazine with the largest circulation overall was AARP The Magazine, with 22.4 million. □



In this July 27, 2011 photo, a clerk picks up a row of gold coins that a customer brought in to sell at a coin shop, in Seattle.

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Gold prices keep pushing higher to a new record

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Gold prices pushed to new heights Tuesday as investors digested the possible consequences of the lowered U.S. credit rating and Europe's debt crisis on a slowing global economy.

The declining appeal of the U.S. dollar as a safe place to park funds and nervousness about flagging global growth have helped propel gold.

Some investors view gold as a safer bet amid rising worries about debt levels of the major economies and uncertain stock markets. Its value, unlike that of a currency, doesn't hinge on whether countries can make their bond payments, or on the vigor of their economies.

Gold futures rose \$29.80, or 1.7 percent, to \$1,743 per ounce after setting a record price of \$1,782.50 earlier in the day.

The metal's price has more than doubled since the recession began in late 2007, and its climb accelerated this summer.

Gold is more than a currency substitute or an investment for scared traders desperate to latch on to an asset that isn't losing value.

It's also a material used in industrial products and by consumers.

With every fresh high the metal notches, the more consumers will have to pay for engagement rings, gold crowns for their teeth and perhaps even electronics.

Tiffany & Co., the high-end jewelry seller with the iconic blue boxes, has raised prices on some products twice this year, in January and again in June, said company spokesman Mark Aaron.

"Our strategy is simply to pass through higher costs to the customer," Aaron said. "Diamond costs have increased a lot. So have platinum, silver and gold."

Sellers of cheaper jewelry have also been affected.

Blue Nile Inc., a website that sells engagement rings and other jewelry, said last week that the big leap in the price of gold and diamonds had hurt its revenue growth this spring. It raised prices to make up for the big jump in materials costs.

The company also said it was trying to offer shoppers cheaper alternatives to gold and diamonds, such as colored gemstones, sterling silver and pearls.

Zale Corp., which has more than 1,900 shops in the U.S. and Canada, started raising some prices in April because of skyrocketing costs for diamonds, gold and silver. It had said in May that it planned to increase prices further this summer across North America.

Despite higher prices — up about 26 percent in the second quarter, according to the World Gold Council, an industry group — demand for gold jewelry is holding steady.

Eager shoppers in India and China, the world's biggest gold-jewelry buyers, remain buyers, the group said in a report. □

Stocks soar after Fed pledges low rates into '13

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve offered super-low interest rates for two more years Tuesday — an unprecedented step to arrest an economic free fall that dragged down the stock market. Wall Street roared its approval and finished a wild day with a 429-point gain.

The rally was remarkably fast — the Dow Jones industrial average was still down for the day with less than an hour of trading to go — and enough to erase two-thirds of its decline the day before.

The Fed set its target for interest rates near zero in 2008 as a response to the financial crisis that fall. Since then, it had said only that rates would stay low for an "extended period." On Tuesday, it said that would be at least through mid-2013.

But the Fed also said it expects the economy to stay weak for two more years, longer than the Fed had previously indicated. It has already been more than two years since the end of the Great Recession.

The central bank left open the possibility of a third round of bond purchases designed to hold interest rates down and push stock prices up. The second round, announced last year, sparked a 28 percent rally in the Dow through April 29.

It was an unusually volatile day of trading. The Dow was up about 200 points most of the morning. It was up about 100 when the Fed statement came out at 2:15 p.m. Within half an hour, the Dow was down more than 200.

But investors warmed to the Fed news, and the Dow made a bumpy, steep climb for the final stretch of trading. That included a 640-point swing from its lowest point of the day to its highest.

The Dow closed at 11,239.77, up 4 percent. The S&P 500 finished up 4.7 percent and the Nasdaq composite index up 5.3 percent.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury bond briefly hit a record low, 2.03 percent, and finished at 2.26 percent. Investors have bought U.S. debt, driving yields down, even after S&P stripped the United States of its top-of-the-line credit rating last week.

Interest rates on consumer loans, including adjustable-rate mortgages, car loans and credit cards, are often based on Treasury rates. So mortgage rates, which are already among the lowest ever, could go even lower. Low interest rates for two more years could make the stock market a better bet because bonds will return less money. That appeared to be at least part of the reason stocks rallied so much after investors had a chance to digest the Fed's statement.

Some analysts also attributed the late-day rally to wording in the Fed's statement suggesting it might take further steps to stimulate the economy in the future.

The stock rally came after two and a half weeks of almost uninterrupted declines. Those were fueled first by uncertainty about the federal debt ceiling, then by concerns that the U.S. economy is headed for a new recession and about out-of-control European debt.

When it came late Friday, the downgrade only added anxiety. On Monday, the first day of trading after it was announced, the Dow fell 634 points. Even counting Tuesday's gains, the Dow is down 11.6 percent since July 21 — almost 1,500 points.

The price of gold continued its seemingly unstoppable climb. It set a record price of \$1,782 an ounce. Some investors see gold as a safe bet because its value isn't tied to a particular nation, like a currency or government bonds, or to companies, like stocks. The price of gold has more than doubled since the recession began in 2007.

The Fed's announcement of a two-year timeframe for any rate increase under-



A board on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange shows the Dow Jones Industrial average at the close of trading, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011

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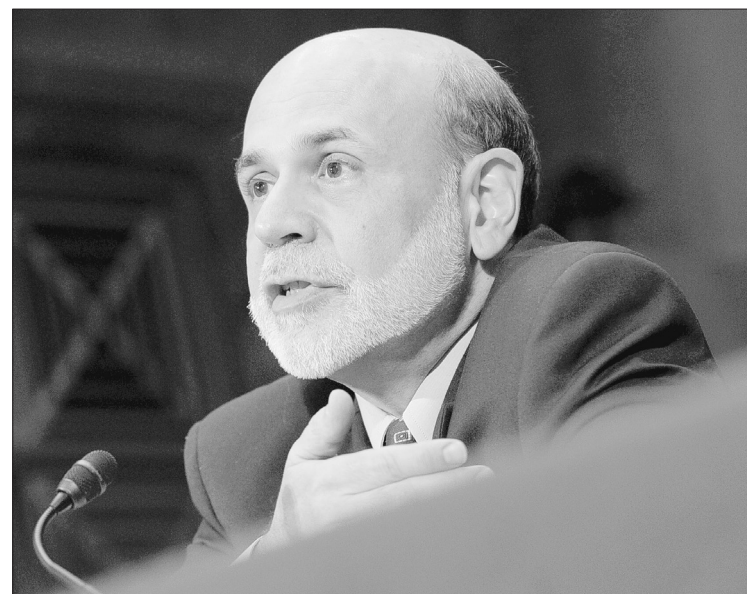
scored a stark reality: A sluggish economy and painfully high unemployment have become chronic.

"The tone of the Fed's statement is very downbeat. They are very nervous about the economy," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. "This is unprecedented for the Fed to indicate they are ready to keep rates low for two more years."

Not everyone was as impressed as investors on Wall Street appeared to be. University of Oregon economist Timothy Duy called the move "weak medicine" and said he wanted to see the Fed commit to buying more Treasury bonds, a measure known as quantitative easing.

The Fed's projection of a weak economy into 2013 is also bad news for President Barack Obama, who must fight a re-election campaign next year. Already, some of Obama's Republican challengers have blamed the S&P downgrade on him. S&P itself blamed the country's long-term debt problems and dysfunctional politics.

Specifically, the Fed said the economy was "likely to warrant exceptionally low levels for the federal funds rate at least through mid-2013." It held out the promise of further help down the road but did not spell out



July 14, 2011 file photo, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, before the Senate Banking Committee hearing to deliver the semiannual Monetary Policy Report. Bernanke told Congress in July that the Fed was ready to act if the economy weakened.

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what else it might do.

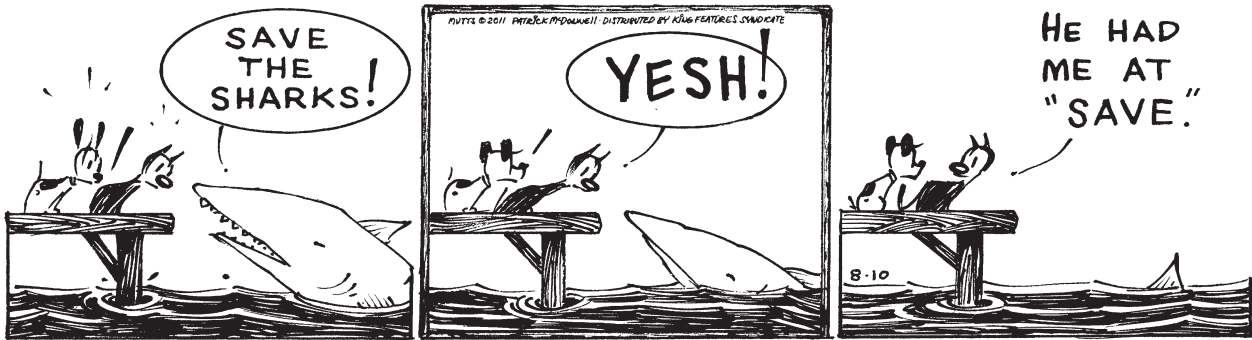
The central bank's decision was approved on a 7-3 vote with three Fed regional bank presidents who have been worried about inflation objecting. It was the first time since November 1992 that as many as three Fed members have dissented from a policy statement. Dean Maki, chief U.S. economist at Barclays Capital, said the dissent suggests that Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke would have trouble building consensus for another round of bond purchases. The Fed used significantly more downbeat language to describe current economic conditions. It said so far this year

the economy has grown "considerably slower" than the Fed had expected and consumer spending "has flattened out."

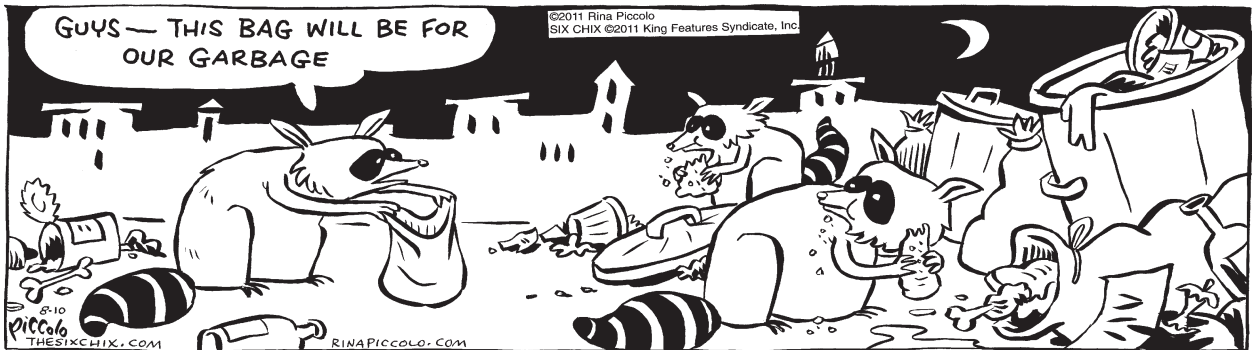
It also said that temporary factors, such as high energy prices and the Japan crisis, only accounted for "some of the recent weakness" in economic activity. Bob Doll, chief equity strategist for asset manager BlackRock, shrugged off worries that a slow-growing U.S. economy would weaken the corporate earnings that underlie stock prices.

"Corporate America has demonstrated that it can generate good growth and profits despite a weaker U.S. economy," he said. □

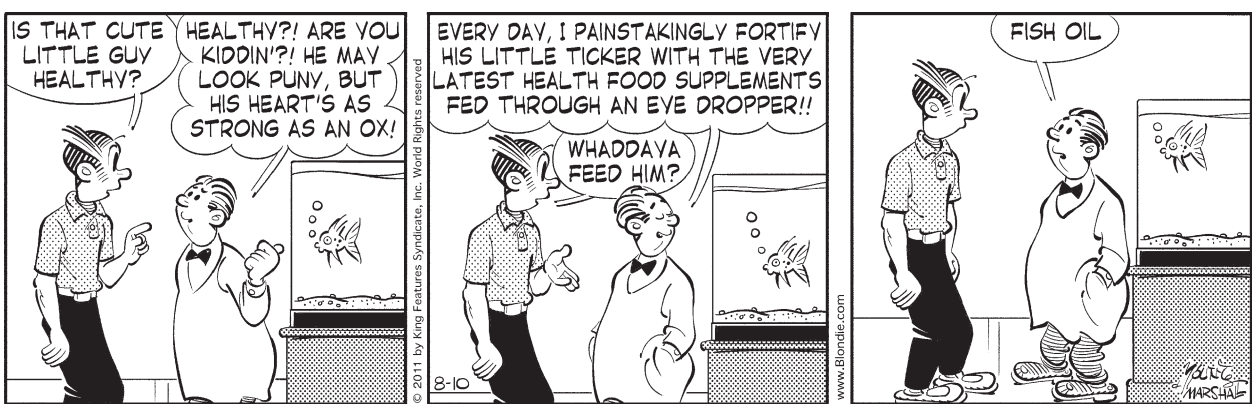
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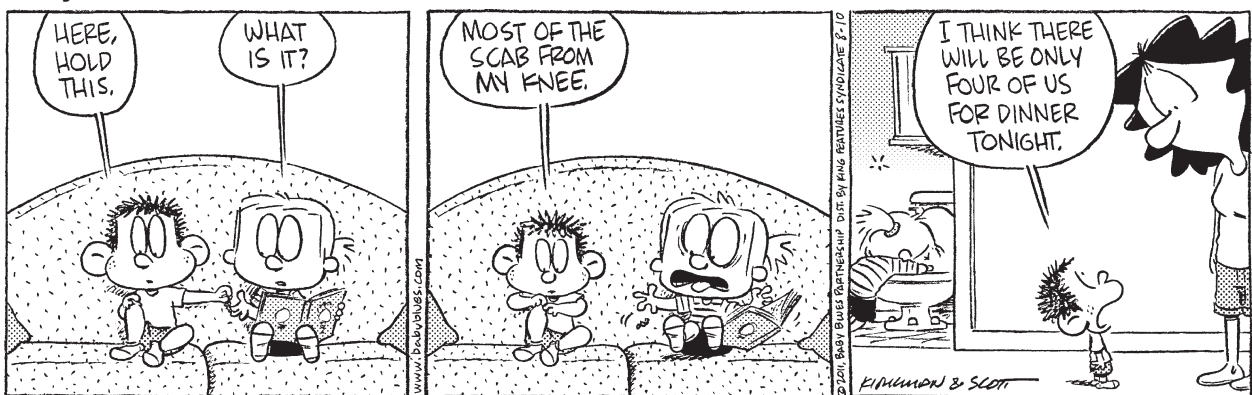
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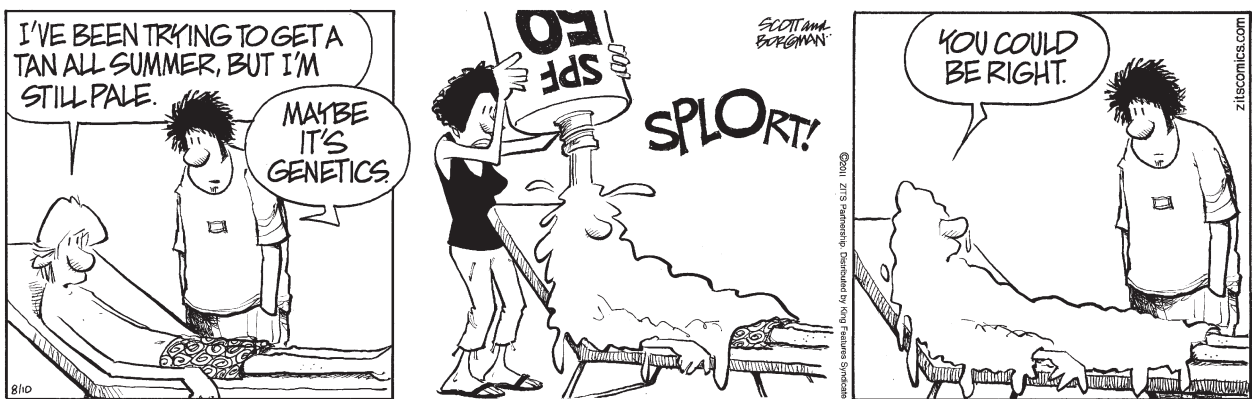
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

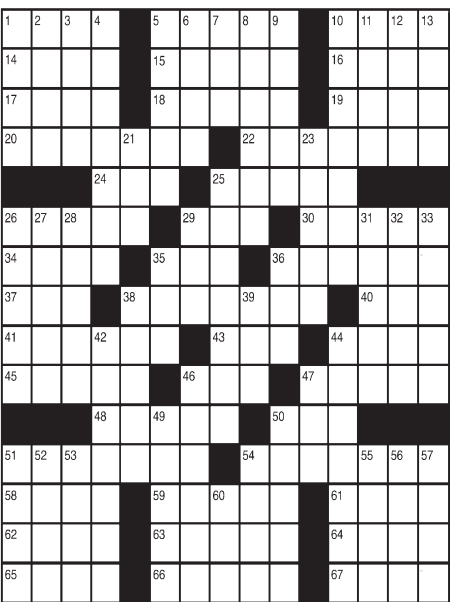
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ACROSS

- 1 Drill a hole
- 5 Colorful parrot
- 10 Lump of dirt
- 14 "Once __ a time..."
- 15 Make amends
- 16 Bee's home
- 17 Wasp's __; formation built under an eave
- 18 Cuban dance
- 19 " __ as we speak"
- 20 Patella
- 22 Obvious
- 24 Fraternity letter
- 25 Combine; mix
- 26 Concur
- 29 Pod veggie
- 30 Piece of dining room furniture
- 34 Lean-to
- 35 49ers' league, for short
- 36 Spookier
- 37 Droop
- 38 Jolly; playful
- 40 Sheep's cry
- 41 Inflame with love
- 43 Took a chair
- 44 BPOE members
- 45 Beauty parlor
- 46 For what reason?
- 47 Very heavy
- 48 Religion started in Persia
- 50 Half of four
- 51 Car collision
- 54 Like adolescents
- 58 Sentry's cry
- 59 Skimpy skirts
- 61 "Now __ me down to..."
- 62 Egg on
- 63 Lopsided
- 64 At any time
- 65 Far's opposite
- 66 Willy- __; haphazardly
- 67 Store clearance

DOWN

- 1 Sailor's bed



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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ATOP	LEDGE	LEAP
BORE	PAGES	UNDO
MERCILESS	MOST	
DUNS	EON	
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ROLES	HASTE	RUT
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday August 10, the 222nd day of 2011.

1792 - King Louis XVI was taken into custody by mobs during the French Revolution. He was executed the following January after being put on trial for treason.

1809 - Ecuador began its fight for independence from Spain.

1821 - Missouri became the 24th state to join the Union.

1846 - The Smithsonian Institution was chartered by the U.S. Congress. The "Nation's Attic" was made possible by \$500,000 given by scientist Joseph Smithson.

1856 - In Louisiana, a hurricane came ashore and killed about 400 people.

1859 - In Boston, MA, the first milk inspectors were appointed.

1869 - The motion picture projector was patented by O.B. Brown.

1881 - Thomas Edison's exhibit opened the Paris Electrical Exhibition.

1885 - The first electric streetcar, to be used commercially, was operated in Baltimore, MD, by Leo Daft.

1914 - Austria-Hungary invaded Russia.

1921 - Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio.

1927 - Mount Rushmore was formally dedicated. The individual faces of the presidents were dedicated later.

1944 - U.S. forces defeated the remaining Japanese resistance on Guam.

1945 - The day after the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Japan announced they would surrender. The only condition was that the status of Emperor Hirohito would remain unchanged.

1947 - William Odom completed an around-the-world flight. He set the solo record by completing the flight in 73 hours and 5 minutes.

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Cowsills to perform after RI documentary screening

By ERIKA NIEDOWSKI

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) —

They got their start playing frat parties at Brown University and doing gigs at school dances and church gatherings in Newport. They covered Beatles songs on Bannister's Wharf, which was fitting enough. They hoped to be the next Fab Four: Bill, Bob, Barry and John.

Later, three more family members, including their mother, would round out the fresh-faced clan — The Cowsills — whose harmonies would climb to the top of the pop music charts.

Surviving members of the group that enjoyed a meteoric rise in the 1960s — the Cowsills would serve as the inspiration for the TV show "The Partridge Family" — are scheduled to perform Wednesday evening in Providence. It's a rare on-stage reunion in the state where they saw their beginnings.

The performance will follow the premiere of a new documentary about the band's rise and fall, "Family Band: The Cowsills Story," at the Rhode Island International Film Festival.

Filmmaker Louise Palanker says the 90-minute film is a story of tragedy and triumph — of a family that seemed flawless on the surface but grappled with a physically and emotionally abusive father who was involved in the band's promotion at every turn and a mother who chronically felt she came up short.

"We're all hit with tragedy, and we all have the capacity to triumph — and they have," Palanker said. Like The Beatles before them, the Cowsills went on the "The Ed Sullivan Show." They did "American Bandstand" and Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show." With their wholesome faces, they were hired by the American Dairy Association to promote milk in commercials — earning \$1 million for 10 spots filmed in Newport. Bob appeared on "The Dating Game" in 1969; he wasn't selected. Rick Bellaire, founder of

the Rhode Island Popular Music Archive, which has compiled a history and discography of the Cowsills, remembers the group playing locally before it went big, including at Crescent Park in East Providence and

Richard "Biggy" Korn, a restaurateur in Newport who helped The Cowsills get their start and traveled on the road with them in the early days, called Bud "stifling."

"He entirely took control

memorial service for Barry in Newport, family members learned of the death of Bill, who had struggled with heroin addiction and other illnesses and lived in Canada.

While some of the siblings

telling has helped the family process and understand everything it went through, including the fame and the fall from it.

"You have to make the decision: Am I going to let this harass me for the rest of my



Rocky Point amusement park in Warwick, which has long since been shuttered. "A lot of kids in Rhode Island and southern New England were aware of the Cowsills even though they hadn't made it nationally," he said.

"They were extremely popular. They did not at the time get a lot of critical acclaim because they were considered a bubble gum group," he said, ticking off some of the group's hits. Among them were "Rain, The Park and Other Things," which was featured more recently in the Jim Carrey movie "Dumb and Dumber," as well as "Hair," featured in the musical by the same name.

But the band broke up in the early 1970s almost as quickly as it had risen. There had been clashes with father Bud, who managed the band and its finances — badly, by all accounts — and eventually kicked Bill, the lead singer, out on the spot.

"Anyone who said no to Bud had to go," Palanker said.

over them," said Korn, who served as the Cowsills' legal guardian for a time. "The big crime of it was that there was so much talent, and it was never allowed to come out. People would not let them be who they were."

Bud was in charge, and the record label wanted one image and one image alone: that of an all-American, spit-polished band.

Even after earning a fortune — Korn estimates it was anywhere from \$10 million to \$20 million — the family was left broke in a matter of years, Korn said. The siblings drifted apart, pursuing musical careers of their own. Susan joined a band called the Continental Drifters. Bill was in the Blue Shadows. John became the drummer for the Beach Boys.

The Cowsills' mother, Barbara, died in 1985, Bud in 1992. Barry would later die in Hurricane Katrina in 2006. He was missing for four months before his body was found under a wharf in New Orleans. On the day they were to hold a

performed together on and off after the band's breakup, Barry's and Bill's deaths served as a catalyst for them to make music once again, according to Palanker.

"They felt like they really needed to be together as often as possible, and that was the best way to do it," she said.

Bob Cowsill, who lives in California and still performs, said his family's story — "intense," as he described it — is one of the last Hollywood stories to be told. And its

life?" he said.

"We've gotten to a better comfort level with the openness of this process," he said of the documentary. "It's pretty cool. It's a whole new world, and we love it."

The film is being screened at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence. Bob, Paul and Susan Cowsill will perform and be joined by brother Richard, who was not in the band, for a question-and-answer session. □

'Catch Me If You Can' to disappear next month

NEW YORK (AP) — There's now only a limited time to catch the Broadway musical "Catch Me If You Can." Producers said Tuesday that the Tony Award-nominated show will close Sept. 4 at The Neil Simon Theatre after having played 32 previews and 170 regular performances. The production was nominated for four Tonys and Norbert Leo Butz took home the award for

best actor in a musical.

The show also starred Aaron Tveit as a con artist who passed himself off as a doctor, a lawyer, and a jet pilot. The musical is based on the life of Frank Abagnale Jr. It inspired the hit film directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Leonardo DiCaprio. The first national tour of the musical will launch in the fall of 2012 in Providence, R.I. □

Review: Uneven '30 Minutes' feels way longer



In this film publicity image released by Sony Pictures, Aziz Danny McBride, left, and Nick Swardson are shown in Columbia Pictures' "30 Minutes or Less."

(AP Photo/Sony-Columbia Pictures, Wilson Webb)

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP Movie Critic

If this has indeed been The Summer of the R-Rated Comedy, with each new movie striving to one-up its predecessors in getting down and dirty, then we're going out with a whimper with "30 Minutes or Less."

And that's ironic, given that the movie is all about something — or someone — going out with a bang. From the phoned-in ("The Hangover Part II") to the fantastic ("Bridesmaids"), "30 Minutes or Less" falls somewhere in the mushy midsection. Like "Horrible

Bosses," it's got a shaggy, sloppy vibe and characters who are in way over their heads, but it's not nearly as consistently funny. It's actually got more in common with the "The Change-Up" in that it's frustratingly uneven, despite some appealing moments of buddy



In this film publicity image released by Sony Pictures, Dilshad Vadsaria is shown in Columbia Pictures' "30 Minutes or Less." (AP Photo/Sony-Columbia Pictures, Wilson Webb)

camaraderie.

Jesse Eisenberg leads the idiocy — and that's part of the problem. Eisenberg is at his best when he's the smartest guy in the room, when he's struggling to stifle his inability to suffer fools, as in his Oscar-nominated performance in "The Social Network" or even in films that have allowed him to show some more insecurity, like "The Squid and the Whale" or "Zombieland" (which, like "30 Minutes or Less," came from director Ruben Fleischer).

Here, he's one of the fools himself as Nick, a slacker/stoner/pizza delivery guy whose only ambition in life is to get an order to its destination in a half-hour or less, hence the title. Not that punctuality is a source of pride for him; rather, if he doesn't make it in time, the customer gets the pizza for free and the cost comes out of his paycheck. His best friend, Chet (Aziz Ansari), is vaguely more useful in that he's an elementary school teacher, but he's still sort of a goof-off (which calls to mind yet another of the summer's R-rated comedies, "Bad Teacher"). The other pair of pals in "30 Minutes or Less" consists of the flat-out doofuses played by Danny McBride and Nick Swardson. McBride's Dwayne hates his disdainful Marine father (Fred Ward) and dreams of proving himself by opening a tanning salon that's a front for a brothel. With some inspiration from a stripper named Juicy (Bianca Kajlich) and some help from Swardson's worshipful

Travis, who's obsessed with explosive devices, Dwayne cooks up a scheme to kill his dad and thereby inherit the old man's millions in lottery winnings. But first, Dwayne needs \$100,000 to pay the hit man (Michael Pena as an amusingly over-the-top ethnic stereotype). So he cooks up another scheme to order a pizza, then kidnap and place a bomb on the poor schmo delivery guy and force him to rob a bank, or else he'll blow the guy up. None of this crackles with the kind of breezy, mad-cap hilarity that it should; it's actually rather tortured and convoluted. Merely trying to explain what the plot was about just now was arduous. Similarly, everyone feels as if they're straining here, trapped in their one-note roles, and they probably wouldn't have had to work so hard if there were more to the script from Michael Diliberti.

It almost feels as if "30 Minutes or Less" were constructed from a random assortment of wild and raunchy ideas: words on notecards like "hooker," "stripper," "gay slurs" "flamethrower" "adultery with a lifeguard" and "felatio in a car." It feels way longer than its brief running time, not just because of its stop-and-start pacing but also because it looks so drab and dingy, it's really unpleasant to watch. Even actors as delightfully odd and fearless as McBride and Swardson, who have their moments, can't make this thing explode off the screen. □

Gavin DeGraw home from hospital after NYC beating

NEW YORK (AP) — Singer-songwriter Gavin DeGraw has been released from a New York City hospital after an attack that left him with a broken nose, a concussion and other injuries. DeGraw tweeted Tuesday afternoon that he didn't remember much of Sunday's beating. Police say DeGraw was attacked by a group of men in the East Village. No arrests have been made yet. A representative says the 34-year-old DeGraw also suffered black eyes, cuts and bruises. DeGraw canceled concerts this week in upstate New York and Massachusetts after the assault. On Twitter, DeGraw thanked fans and said: "I only know I can recover from here. ... I love u guys." DeGraw's new album, "Sweeter," due out in September. His top hits include "Chariot" and "I Don't Want to Be." □



In this photograph taken by AP Images for Starwood Hotels, Musician Gavin DeGraw hosts a private piano lesson through the Starwood Preferred Guest Moments program at the Susquehanna Bank Center on Friday, August 5, 2011 in Camden NJ.

(Matt Peyton/AP Images for Starwood Hotels)

While the markets swoon...



JOE NOCERA

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It's hard not to feel a certain contempt for Standard & Poor's in the wake of its downgrade of American debt. Its sole job as a credit-rating agency is to gauge the creditworthiness of bonds, yet like its competitors, Moody's and Fitch, it has consistently fallen short.

It downgraded Enron days before the company went bankrupt.

Its willingness to slap a AAA rating on securitized subprime junk was the foundation upon which the entire financial crisis was built.

And now, to show that it's got some spine, S&P had decided to downgrade the United States?

From a purely economic standpoint, the likelihood of a U.S. default is nil. As my friend Daniel Alpert, a founding managing partner of Westwood Capital, put it:

"The size of the U.S. economy, the wealth of its inhabitants and the assets of the sovereign entity itself are unquestionably more than adequate to repay, with interest, all of the \$14 trillion or so of the nation's debt." He added, "Anyone with a rudimentary understanding of finance and economics can figure that out."

On Monday, with the market collapsing, where did investors rush to put their money? In the one security they still considered safe: U.S. Treasuries.

On the other hand, I also

found myself nodding in agreement as I read S&P's analysis. The downgrade, after all, was less about economics than politics. S&P was frightened by the same thing that has scared most Americans: the spectacle of an unyielding minority of Tea Party Republicans ready to push the country into default rather than accept even modest tax increases to help bring down the deficit.

"The effectiveness, stability, and predictability of American policymaking and political institutions have weakened at a time of ongoing fiscal and economic challenges," S&P wrote in its downgrade report. Who can disagree?

— Has any president in American history left behind as much lasting damage as George W. Bush? In addition to two unfinished wars, he also set us on the path to our current financial mess.

The Bush tax cuts, which turned a surplus into a growing deficit, have been disastrous. As James Fallows pointed out in a

prescient 2005 article in *The Atlantic* predicting a meltdown, they reduced tax revenue "to its lowest level as a share of the economy in the modern era." (In its downgrade report, S&P suggested that it did not believe Congress would let the cuts expire at the end of 2012, as they're supposed to.) Then, in 2003, Bush pushed through prescription drug coverage for Medicare recipients. David M. Walker, then the comptroller general, described 2003 as "the most reckless fiscal year in the history of the Republic," adding some \$13 trillion in future entitlement costs.

— When did President Barack Obama become such a lousy speech-maker? His remarks Monday afternoon, aimed at calming the markets, were flat and uninspired — as they have consistently been throughout the debt ceiling crisis. "No matter what some agency may say," he said, "we've always been and always will be a triple-A country."

Is that really the best he

could do? The markets, realizing he had little or nothing to offer, continued their swoon. What is particularly frustrating is that the president seems to have so little to say on the subject of job creation, which should be his most pressing concern. On Monday, Obama mentioned a payroll tax holiday and the extension of unemployment benefits. Both moves will help people in need; neither will do much to create new jobs. I know that there are limits to what any government can do to create jobs.

But what one yearns for is a little imagination from this White House.

Someone suggested to me recently that the government could create a \$50 billion fund for small business, and use it to pay, say, 20 percent of the wages of new hires for two years — first come, first served. Why doesn't Obama suggest something like that?

— In the end, a downgrade from a ratings agency shouldn't keep anyone up at night; it's

a sideshow. What should cause some sleepless nights is the never-ending turmoil in Europe.

I keep thinking about the moment in 1931 when the failure of an Austrian bank led to a contagion of bank runs, first in Europe and then in the United States, and helped bring about the Depression.

Could Europe's current debt contagion jump the Atlantic again? The possibility strikes me as painfully plausible.

— I keep waiting for one wealthy, well-known figure to stand up and say publicly that he or she is willing to pay more in taxes as part of the shared sacrifice necessary to gain control of the country's deficit. I know there are wealthy people who've had that thought — not just liberals like Warren Buffett, but old-fashioned, rock-ribbed Republicans who are worried about the country's debt problems. I even have a pretty good idea who some of them are. Come on, folks. Your country needs to hear from you. □



Money savers & crowd pleasers with cloven hooves



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LOS ANGELES – With brown, dusty grass lining the hillside, this scrubby patch of land in the middle of downtown is not much to look at. But in the span of a few days, the growth on the patch along West Fourth

Street has gone from a few feet tall to mere inches – thanks to a herd of goats that gobble up to 15 pounds of grass in a day and have become something of a sightseeing attraction in the downtown bustle.

Using goats to clear roadsides and public lands of brush and weeds is hardly new, but usually they tend to work far from a downtown. In Southern California, where wildfires are a constant threat, municipal governments have increasingly moved to hiring goats rather than relying on weed whackers to clear dry land, saying it saves money and is better for the environment.

"This comes natural to them; they know it and love it," said Johnny Gonzales, the herd manager for Environmental Land Manage-



ment, the company hired to deploy the goats. "We are just using what nature gave them." Environmental Land Management is generally paid \$1,250 an acre for its goat service.

By now, the fourth year that the goats have been used to clear the steep hillside known as Angel's Knoll, they have become a summer tradition. The herd of mostly female South African Boer goats – roughly 60

adults and 60 kids – came from San Diego, and each day, the throngs of onlookers – bankers and lawyers, tourists and families – have gathered to gawk at the brown and white and spotted creatures. □

